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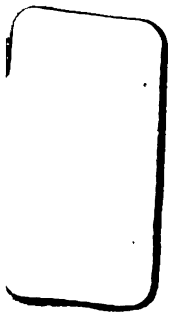

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CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....Connecticut and Rhode Island;
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WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS.....Indiana;
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....Louisiana;
HENRY ASCROFT,.....Kansas;
THOMAS KYLE,.....Kentucky;
CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....Maine and New York;
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE.....Maryland;
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....Massachusetts;
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....Missouri;
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....New Hampshire and Pennsylvania;
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT.....South Carolina;
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....Vermont.

And the Representatives of seven chartered Councils, and delegates of Council under dispensation, with several Past Thrice Illustrious Masters by service under this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being a sufficient representation present, the Grand Council of California was opened in Ample Form, with music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee—

On Credentials:..... { Comp. William Frank Pierce, " Jacob Hart Neff, " Alex. John Gardiner.

After a short recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of chartered Councils, delegates of Council under dispensation, and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, as being present and entitled to seats, viz.:—

Sacramento, .No. 1,.. { EDWIN GLOVER, WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, ALEX. JOHN GARDINER, } P.Th. Ill. Mas'rs.

California,...No. 2,.. { ROBERT ASH, Thrice Illustrious Master; HENRY ASCROFT, Principal Conductor of Works. THOMAS KYLE, WILLIAM THOS. REYNOLDS, FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, CHARLES LORD FIELD, GEORGE PENLINGTON, HENRY ASCROFT, ROBERT ASH, } P. Th. Ill. Mas'rs.

Marysville,..	No. 3,.....	CHARLES *E* STONE,	Thrice Ill. Master.
Shasta,.....	No. 6,....	DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,	P. Th. Ill. Master;
Stockton,....	No. 10,....	WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, EDW. RICHARDS HEDGES,	P. Th. Ill. M'ters.
Los Angeles,..	No. 11,..	WILLIAM BYRON SCARBOROUGH,	Th. Ill. Master,
		GRANVILLE QUINCY STUART AUGUST WACKERBARTH,	P. Th. Ill. Masters;
Oakland,....	No. 12,..	ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT,	Dep. Ill. Master.
		CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,	P. Th. Ill. Masters.
Gateway,....	U. D.,....	JACOB HART NEFF, Thrice Ill. Master. JOHN GOULD BISBEE, Deputy Ill. Master.	

Which report was concurred in, and the Companions named were admitted to seats.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following regular committees:—

On Jurisprudence:

Comp. William Abraham Davies,
" Edward Richards Hedges,
" William Thomas Reynolds.

On Appeals and Grievances:

Comp. Charles Lord Field,
" Charles *E* Stone,
" August Wackerbarth.

On Finances and Returns:

Comp. James Bestor Merritt,
" Thomas Kyle,
" Robert Ash.

On New Councils:

Comp. Robert Ash,
" William Byron Scarborough.
" Daniel Potter Bystle.

The Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:—

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:—

The time of our annual convocation having arrived, it is proper for me, in pursuance of our custom, to render an account of my stewardship in the past year. The honors entrusted and confidences reposed in me are now to be yielded to my successor.

Our annual assemblage in spring, nature's choicest time of promise, when man revives and lays hold of the "hope that springs eternal," betokens the perennial spirit of Masonry. The close and beginning of an-

other Cryptic year marks a substantial prosperity, and with still brighter prospects before us, it is with profound thankfulness of spirit that I greet you, Companions, and rejoice with you in the manifold blessings received and the harmony prevailing.

NEW COUNCILS INSTITUTED.

My first official act was the institution of *Gateway* Council, at Auburn, on May 15, 1896, under most favorable conditions.

There were present five Past Grand Masters of the Order in California, besides other Grand Officers of the State. The acting Grand Officers were: GEORGE PENLINGTON, T. I. M.; FRANKLIN H. DAY, D. I. M.; JOSEPH G. BASTON, P. C. of W.; WILLIAM M. PETRIE, Treasurer; WILLIAM F. PIERCE, Recorder; CLIVE W. PORTER, C. of G.; ALEXANDER J. GARDINER, Conductor; CHARLES R. GOSS, Steward; SAMUEL D. MAYER, Organist; THOMAS KYLE, Chaplain; CHARLES MARTIN, Sentinel.

The new Council thus auspiciously started selected the third Saturday of each month for date of meetings, and selected as their officers: J. H. NEFF, T. I. M.; J. G. BISBEE, Deputy T. I. M.; J. M. FULWEILER, P. C. of W.; JOHN CHISHOLM, Treasurer; D. W. LUBECK, Recorder; W. A. CROWELL, C. of G.; A. K. ROBINSON, Conductor; WILLIAM I. MAY, Steward; E. D. BROWN, Sentinel.

The exemplification of the work and completion of business was followed by a banquet. Past Grand Master FRANKLIN H. DAY, of *California* Council, No. 2, of San Francisco, presided as toastmaster.

One of the most pleasant features of the evening was the music rendered by the San Francisco Masonic Choir, led by SAMUEL D. MAYER at the organ, ably assisted by our deceased Companion JOSEPH G. BASTON. Both during the initiation ceremonies and at the banquet, the singing was a revelation to those not used to a properly equipped male choir.

On March 26, 1897, I granted a dispensation to Comps. TOWNER, BUNDY, HAYWOOD, and six others, to form a Council at Santa Ana, Orange County, near Los Angeles, to be known as *Santa Ana* Council. Owing to pressure of business and the distance being so great, I accordingly deputized P. G. M., H. S. ORME and Companions AUGUST WACKERBARTH and W. B. SCARBOROUGH, of *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, to organize the Council in my behalf. I am officially informed that said Council will be constituted on or about May 1st, 1897.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

On July 25, 1896, the By-Laws of *Gateway* Council, U. D., were submitted to me. I duly approved them, and the Council having been in existence the requisite constitutional period, I therefore recommend that a charter be now granted.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

On June 4, 1896, I experienced the memorable pleasure of a visit to *California* Council, No. 2, San Francisco. My anticipation of model

work in this pioneer Council was fully realized. The Degrees of Royal and Select Masters were fittingly conferred. I cannot too highly compliment *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master ROBERT ASH and his subordinate officers in the efficient manner in which the work was performed.

My next visit was to *Sonora* Council, No. 5, Sonora, on June 17, 1896. I was most agreeably surprised to find in this comparatively small community, so far removed from Masonic centers, such a degree of efficiency as the officers of *Sonora* Council possess. The work was admirably conferred. I would especially compliment *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master FRANK W. STREET and Comp. EDUARD KEIL for excellence, and heartily thank them for uniform courtesy and substantial hospitality extended.

I visited *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, Los Angeles, on June 23, 1896, and saw the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters conferred. I was not disappointed in the expectation of good work performed under the direction of *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master AUGUST WACKERBARTH.

The high standard of excellence was readily obtained under his efficient control. His Masonic knowledge is plainly apparent, from the Blue Lodge up the rounds of the Masonic ladder. Past Grand Master H. S. ORME has my sincere thanks for favors extended. Since my visit to *Los Angeles* Council I am officially informed that a change of officers has taken place. Increased membership has been noted, and great expectations follow the preferment of *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master W. B. SCARBOROUGH.

From Los Angeles I went on to San Diego, arriving there on June 25, 1896, with the view of organizing a Council; interviewing Companions E. T. BLACKMER, R. M. POWERS, and many others. A municipal election was in progress, the proposition being to bond the town for a water supply. Interest in this election prevailed to the exclusion of everything else. It was a case of *too much water*. This season, in connection with prevailing business depression, rendered the institution of a Council quite impossible. I sincerely hope my successor may be more fortunate where I failed.

On July 6, 1896, I visited *Marysville* Council, No. 3, Marysville. It being the busy season in midsummer, and extremely warm, only the regular business was transacted. I had no opportunity to see the degrees conferred, which I regret. My cordial thanks are due to *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master CHARLES HAPGOOD and Past *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master CHARLES *E* STONE, for kindnesses extended.

January 20, 1897, found me present at a regular assemblage of *Stockton* Council, No. 10, Stockton, where I witnessed the work of conferring the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters on a number of candidates. That grand old Masonic veteran, P. G. M. EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ably assisted by Comp. JOHN GARWOOD, gave the work in a manner unexcelled for accuracy and imposing effect. The work of the *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master was all that could be desired, and great credit is due Comp. JOHN GARWOOD, P. C. of Works, for the very efficient manner in which he performed the duty assigned him.

On March 22, 1897, I received a cordial invitation to visit officially *Shasta* Council, No. 6, Shasta, but regret that I was unable to comply with the request, owing to a combination of circumstances over which I had no control, and which could not readily be set aside.

It is with pardonable pride that I refer to the work done in *Sacramento* Council, No. 1, in the past year. We have endeavored to reach perfection in the work, and by the aid of an intense Masonic interest, are succeeding admirably. Large additions to membership in the past year and work on hand in prospective, give assurance that this Council will become one of the strongest in the State. While holding the office of Grand Master I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the Council at the annual meeting held December 19, 1896. From the material selected, good work in the future, as in the past, is to be expected.

I regret that I was unable to visit *Oakland* Council, but as they only meet three or four times a year (the fifth Thursday in the month), I was unable to make my time coincide with theirs.

Of course, *Helena* Council is too far off to attempt to see them.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

In July, 1896, I received a communication from *Helena* Council, No. 9, Helena, Montana, protesting against an invasion of territorial jurisdiction by the institution of Councils by "missionaries" sent out by the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, U. S. A. After an investigation of the facts I conclude that the matter complained of was entirely within the province and authority of the General Grand Council, and I trust our companions of *Helena* Council will second the efforts for the progress of Cryptic Masonry in Montana in the interest of Masonic union and harmony.

COMMISSIONS.

Having observed that the office of Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Minnesota, near our own, was vacant, I suggested the name of *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master CHARLES HAPGOOD, of *Marysville* Council, No. 10, to fill the vacancy. Also: The office of Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Nebraska being vacant, I suggested the name of *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master JACOB HART NEFF, of *Gateway* Council, Auburn, to fill the vacancy.

NECROLOGY.

Since our last Masonic Assembly, I regret to say, that the silent reaper, Death, has not been idle. Among those who have passed to the Great Beyond, is our beloved Past Grand Master and associate for more than thirty years in the work of this Grand Body *M.·. Ill.·.* STEPHEN WING. who was summoned soon after the close of our last Annual Assembly and passed to rest in July last. He was our Grand Master in 1871. A regular attendant upon our Annual Assemblies, able and ready to undertake any part

of the work to which he was assigned, we deeply deplore his loss. Another beloved companion has gone from among us.

JOSEPH GARDNER BASTON was a member of *California* Council, No. 2; Royal and Select Masters, San Francisco, for twelve years, nine of which he was Principal Conductor of the Works, and filled the office to the entire satisfaction of its members. He died in San Francisco, October 29, 1896, and was buried with full and impressive Masonic ceremonies. He was prompt, efficient and faithful in the discharge of his Masonic duties; kind and gentle in his manners, and a universal favorite. His loss is felt in all the Masonic bodies to which he belonged, and also by the Masonic Quartet, San Francisco, of which he was a valued member.

Many of our sister jurisdictions have also to mourn the loss of honored and loved Companions. I allude to Past *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, *Ill.·. Comp.·.* DAVID A. STEVENSON, of Pennsylvania. *Ill.·. Comp.·.* STEVENSON was a prominent figure in Masonic circles in Pittsburg. He was a Past *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania, having filled the station of *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master in 1889. He held a leading position in railway circles in Pittsburg, having been connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad for about thirty years. One of the leading daily journals of Pittsburg says of him: "Possessed of a character the constituent elements of which were an unswerving integrity and fidelity, and a rare geniality, he was naturally endeared to all who knew him. There were few who were more widely known or more popular in this vicinity, either in general business, railway, Masonic and social circles. His death is deeply deplored."

Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and Past Grand Recorder GARRA B. NOBLE, of Detroit, Michigan. He died February 10, 1897.

R.·. Ill.·. Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, Comp. ANDREW MARTIN WOLIHIN, of the Grand Council of Georgia. He died in Macon, Georgia, February 22, 1897.

M.·. Ill.·. P. G. Master GEORGE W. STEAD and *M.·. Ill.·.* P. G. Master, JEROME B. BORDEN, both of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey, who have passed away since our last annual meeting.

REVIEW OF THE ORDER.

I congratulate you upon the success which has attended the order during the past Masonic year. Permit me, therefore, to copy the words of our efficient Grand Recorder, THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL: "At present the reports in the old Councils show an increase of three, which is far better than the heavy decrease of the last three years. *Gateway* Council will bring it up to twenty-five or thirty. Select Masters greeted in the old bodies sixty-three against twenty-nine last season. So you see we have got rid of the bad times at last, and are surely on the mend."

This is indeed gratifying, not only to myself but to the order everywhere. By being faithful, and, in the meantime, exemplifying the principles of the Order in our lives, we may reasonably anticipate further increase and more substantial prosperity.

CONCLUSION.

I cannot retire from this place without expressing profound gratitude to GOD, and to my brethren for the honor conferred upon me. To be Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California is no small compliment; to be in the line of such distinguished men as have presided over this Grand Body is indeed an honor. I cannot, therefore, surrender this gavel to my successor without returning to you my sincere thanks for every word spoken, or deed of kindness performed, in my behalf. You, by these, have made my official life during this Masonic year one of great pleasure. I deeply regret that I have not been able to serve you better; but allow my infirmities to be my excuse, and the little of good accomplished merit your praise. If I have been helpful to you officially, or even fraternally, it is due to the kindness of your hearts and loyalty to the principles of Freemasonry.

I must remind you, in conclusion, that the grave's dark eclipse will soon settle over us all; that Masonry teaches the existence of a world beyond; and that what we shall be there is determined by what we are here and now. Let us be good and true, earnest and faithful, and the "well done" will be pronounced over us.

WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,
Grand Master.

Which Address was referred to a special committee of three. The Deputy Grand Master appointed as such committee—

On Grand Master's Address ..... { Comp. William Abraham Davies, William Frank Pierce, Charles Lord Field.

The Grand Recorder presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

The undersigned respectfully reports the following official transactions of his office since the last Annual Assembly, together with a statement of the receipts and expenditures, and other matters proper to be considered by this Grand Council.

As soon as was possible after the close of the last Annual Assembly, the proceedings thereat were printed, and the usual number distributed; being one copy to each Grand Officer and Past Grand Officer, five copies to the General Grand Council, one copy to each of our Representatives, three copies to each Grand Council recognized by us, and four copies to each of our subordinate Councils.

On the twenty-sixth day of March, 1897, a dispensation was issued by order of the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Master to Comp's JAMES WILLIAM TOWNER, HARLAN FAIRBANKS, JOHN SAXTON HAYWOOD, and six other Companions, to form a new Council at Santa Ana, Orange county, in this State, to be called *Santa Ana* Council. All the papers were in proper form, and the petition was recommended by *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, the nearest chartered Council. The dispensation having been so recently issued, it is not probable that application for a charter will be made at the present Assembly. The recommendation is therefore submitted that the dispensation be continued until the Annual Assembly of 1898.

The dispensation issued on the second day of March, 1896, for the forming of *Gateway* Council, located at Auburn, in this State, with all the papers required by the Constitution, the record book, and By-Laws, together with a petition for its perpetuation by charter, are herewith submitted for reference to the usual committee.

By order of the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Master, a commission was issued to Comp. EDWIN MORRELL, as Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Ohio, *vice* Comp. ARTHUR P. CRANE, removed from the jurisdiction.

The following, collated from the annual reports of subordinate Councils, shows a gratifying increase in our ranks, and that Cryptic Masonry is rapidly advancing towards that goal of success which its beauty and instructiveness merits:—

Number greeted during the year	79
Number affiliated, including petitioners for dispensations	23
Number restored	8
Total increase	—110
Number withdrawn	36
Number excluded	2
Number suspended for non-payment of dues	13
Number expelled	2
Number died	17
Total decrease	—70

Showing a net gain for the year of 40.

Number of affiliated Royal and Select Masters on January thirty-first, 1897, 941.

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder's office since the last Annual Assembly:—

RECEIPTS.

Sacramento Council,	No. 1,	dues to February 1, 1897		$119 50
California "	No. 2,	" " " "		127 50
Marysville "	No. 3,	" " " "		42 00
		Carried forward		$289 00

		Brought forward	$289 00
Sonora	*Council* No. 5, dues to February 1, 1897		38 00
Shasta	" No. 6, " " " "		26 50
Helena	" No. 9, " " " "		26 50
Stockton	" No. 10, " " " "		43 00
Los Angeles	" No. 11, " " " "		47 00
Oakland	" No. 12, " " " "		55 00
Gateway	" *U. D.*, dues to April 1, 1897		30 00
	Total dues		$555 00
Santa Ana Council, dispensation fee			15 00
Three volumes bound proceedings			7 50
	Total receipts for the year		$577 50
Paid to Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented			$577 50
Thirteen warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer, amounting in the aggregate to			$549 75

Included in this amount is the sum of twenty-six dollars and a half, dues of *Helena* Council No. 9, the bank issuing it having failed, and the check returned to said Council for collection.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and disbursements since the last Annual Assembly:—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council R. and S. M. of California:—

1896.				
April 20.	To balance cash on hand			$592 45
Sept. 23.	" received from Grand Recorder	$ 7 50		
1897.				
Feb. 20.	" " " " "	385 00		
April 15.	" " " " "	185 00		
		Receipts.	577 50	
				$1,169 95
		Carried forward		$1,169 95

			Brought forward.....			$1,169 95
1896.						
April 30.	By paid	Edwin A. Sherman,	Voucher No.	1....	$ 65 00	
" 30.	" "	Jas. Oglesby,	" "	2....	7 50	
May 22.	" "	Samuel D. Mayer,	" "	3....	7 50	
June 2.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	" "	4....	31 25	
" 3.	" "	Wm. H. Davis,	" "	5....	100 00	
" 13.	" "	J. B. McIntyre	" "	6....	20 00	
Aug. 4.	" "	Geo. Spaulding & Co.,	" "	7....	191 70	
Aug. 20.	" "	Frank Eastman & Co.,	" "	8....	2 00	
Sept. 1.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	" "	9....	31 25	
" 5.	" "	"	" "	10....	4 55	
Dec. 18.	" "	"	" "	11....	31 25	
1897.						
Mch. 25.	By paid	T. H. Caswell,	" "	12....	31 25	
April 4.	" "	"	" "	13....	26 50	
			Disbursements.			549 75
April 19.	Balance cash on hand.....					$620 20

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, the reading of which was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of R.·. and S.·. M.·. of California:

I herewith respectfully present the following Report on Fraternal Correspondence for the year ending April 19, 1897.

The proceedings of the following Grand Councils have been received and reviewed, there being twenty-five in all, including Colorado, which latter having organized independently has been declared illegal by the General Grand Master, though recognized and with exchange of Representatives by independent Grand Councils in amity with our own. It being a Grand Council *de facto* if not *de jure*, and having received its proceedings in duplicate, it is simply placed in the column of Grand Councils for the information of our Companions, and not as a recognition of its legitimacy, which is for the General Grand Council to decide. We reviewed its proceedings last year, which were also published:

Arkansas	1896	Michigan	1896
Colorado	1896	Minnesota	1896
Connecticut	1896	Missouri	1896
England and Wales	1896	Mississippi	1896
Illinois	1896	New Hampshire	1896
Indiana	1896	New York	1896
Indian Territory	1896	Ohio	1896
Kansas	1897	Oregon	1896
Kentucky	1896	Pennsylvania	1896
Louisiana	1896	Tennessee	1897
Maine	1896	Vermont	1896
Massachusetts	1896	Washington	1896

ARKANSAS.

1896.

The thirty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas met at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, at 10 A. M., on Friday, the twentieth day of November, A. D. 1896, and was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Chaplain.

M.·. Ill.·. Reuben J. Laughlin, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. James A. Henry, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

All the Grand Officers and fifteen Grand Representatives from other Grand Councils were present, California not included.

There are fourteen subordinate Councils with a membership of 321 in this jurisdiction, of which ten were represented.

We take the following excerpt from the admirable Address of the Grand Master. The italics are ours, though we wonder somewhat and are a little amused:—

'After spending the week with the more numerously attended bodies, Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, we now meet 'The Select, The Faithful, The Worthy Few,' in Grand Council, in the last Arch. Professing Faith in God in the first, confidence in the Book of the Law in the second, let us in this enjoy full confidence in His promises, and with grateful hearts return our thanks to Him for life, health, and strength, to have sustained the tests of another most trying year, of drouth, heat, and extreme financial depression, *coupled with a presidential canvass.* Our gratitude should show no bounds to that Allwise and Beneficent Creator, *who endows us with the ability to endure such calamities, and gives us a government capable of withstanding such strains.*

"These meetings strengthen our system of free and liberal government. The advocates of all the political isms meet, lay aside their favorite theories of running the country, bury their antagonisms, revive the feelings of Brotherhood, and start in for another year's discharge of the duties of life, zealously reviewing their labors for the good of humanity, battling for the weak against wrong, oppression, and superstition.

"Companions, with the first greetings over, we realize the absence of our former associates. Before entering upon further duties, let us reverently call attention to our Companion, who has quietly closed up his Arch, laid down his sword and trowel, and gone on before to receive his wages.

"Our beloved Grand Treasurer, *R.·. I.·.* Companion Frederick Kramer, died September 8, 1896, at Colorado Springs, Col. It is unnecessary for me

to speak of the virtues of our departed Companion to any Mason in Arkansas. Every one will miss him, his hearty greeting, pleasant face and voice—'the young may die, the old must die.'

"'Yet Love will dream, and Faith will trust,
Since He, who knows our needs is just,
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must.'"

There was no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. I.·. JOHN P. FARRAR was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES A. HENRY re-elected Grand Recorder.

COLORADO.

1894, 1895, 1896.

This Grand Council is an anomaly, and like the State of California in its first organization in 1849, and the Goddess Minerva springing forth from the brain of Jupiter, self-created in full being, armed at all points and prepared for all comers with the regal crown of independent sovereignty upon her brow, and like the girl in leapyear choosing her husband and prepared to do business as a sole trader on her own account.

We like the spirit of our Colorado Companions, and we know some of them well, and they have had perhaps reasonable grounds for doing some things, but they have had bad advisers and poor counsellors to take the line they followed. Fraternal regard, esteem and respect for authority cannot be coerced, where none is felt, and where previous actions on the part of those in power by usurpation or in its abuse where it has been previously exercised. The Grand Council of Colorado, after having been organized as it was, should then have applied for and demanded its admission to be received into the General Grand Council with all its rights coequal with the other Grand Councils therein represented, and awaited the action of that General Grand Body. State Grand Councils of the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council are not chartered bodies. All just powers of government in a free country are derived from the consent of the governed, and there can be no just government either within or outside of the Constitution without that consent. If, as is alleged, the General Grand Master assumed powers not actually delegated to him by the Constitution, then it was usurpation on his part, and it was tyranny to exercise it, which met with resistance in the wrong way by secession, and taking advantage of the technicality which existed, and placing the General Grand Council with its twenty-three State Grand Councils in the same category and on the same plane as the Grand Council of a single State. It is a little singular that there are nine Grand Councils in the Southern States among the twenty-three which form the General Grand Council, while there are but three Grand Councils of the Southern States which are found among the twelve Independent Grand Councils, that of Colorado included. The States' rights doctrine is being shifted from the South to the North. Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin, besides Colorado, which was organized to secede from authority alleged to be arbitrarily or offensively exercised. Colorado was encouraged by evil instigators in the State

of Illinois, and the General Grand Council would have an equal right to retaliate by chartering subordinate Councils and encouraging a rival State Grand Council in that State by such an act of unfriendliness. Other independent Grand Councils in recognizing the Grand Council of Colorado have done so on the abstract proposition, that the General Grand Council, like that of an independent State Grand Council, had lost its territorial jurisdiction when its own subordinate Councils formed a State Grand Council and declared itself independent. A State Grand Council in name is a noun of singular number. The General Grand Council, embracing Grand Councils of twenty-two States, is a noun of multitude and of plural number of *E pluribus unum*. The true remedy is to bide the legal time, and then fail to re-elect arbitrary or obnoxious officers who have given offense.

In Masonry, whose cardinal principles taught are "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," a person who is puffed up with pride, arrogance, hauteur, austerity, and tyranny, and clothed with a little brief authority, is utterly out of place. It destroys the true fraternal spirit of brotherhood, engenders contempt and hatred, and breeds strife where nothing but harmony should prevail. The humblest Mason on the tesselated floor is the equal of the Master who presides, so long as he obeys the same laws that govern both. The "Oregon boot" is for convicted criminals *in transitu*, and not for free men and Freemasons. Some men mistake their calling. They are would-be military satraps and petty tyrants, who are better fitted to be placed in charge of jails and penitentiaries, where severity is required for punishment, instead of being placed over a Masonic Body. We have heard the degrees of Masonry actually scolded into the candidate, who would bear it to get the last one he had paid for, and then he would not return to the body again while such a person filled the chair, whom he could not love, but invariably felt for him the most complete contempt. Such seems to have been the real cause of the feelings and actions of our Colorado Companions in seceding and organizing their own independent State Grand Council.

There are schemers even in Masonry, who, to obtain power, magnify their own importance, and strut like the turkey or peacock, but who have no voice for harmony or music, draw back their heads, spread their tails and gobble "me-trop-o-lis," or squeak like a rasping file on a circular saw, according to the feathered tribe to which they belong.

The correspondence passed between the General Grand Master and the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Colorado, held by the former to be illegal and clandestine, shows adroit fencing in the arguments defending their respective positions. In this duel with foils, the General Grand Master has the advantage of the choice of position, the sun shining in the other's face, who is compelled to fight against the light as well as his superior antagonist. The blame of this controversy and unfortunate *status* rests upon the General Grand Recorder, judging from the correspondence which has passed.

Of course, our Colorado Companions and their Grand Council are denounced by the supreme authority and they are interdicted, and the General Grand

Council logically should go further, and require non-intercourse with all other independent State Grand Councils, which encouraged this Colorado secession by its Grand Council on account of their unfriendly action and recognition, which strikes a blow at rightful authority in its own jurisdiction. Such action invites retaliation on the part of the General Grand Council, by invading their territory and instituting rival bodies; and the reasons for not doing so may be that there is hope of eventually getting all of the State Grand Councils into one fold, or fearful of the danger of destroying Cryptic Masonry entirely, by inaugurating a conflict between authorities that would disgust the Companions generally, who would quit it altogether. There are too many wet nurses, and old maids who want to be, that desire to take charge of this side offspring and foundling of the Scottish Rite, "the capstone of the York Rite," in the way of the Royal Arch Companion who has to go around it to get the feathers of the Temple.

We are glad that our Colorado Companions resented the actions and contumely of the General Grand Recorder, whose *acidity* is corrosive of bright and cheery Masonry, and a more genial officer should be put in his place; but we believe that Uncle Sam of the whole United States is a greater man than Brother Jonathan of Connecticut, and that Colorado was wrong in seceding. We trust that a concordat will soon be agreed upon between these "high contracting powers."

CONNECTICUT.

1896.

The seventy-eighth Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Connecticut was held in Masonic Temple in the city of Hartford, the 11th of May, A. D. 1896, Anno Dep. 2896, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M.

M.·. P.·. I. F. STIDHAM, Grand Master, presiding, and *T.·. I.·.* Companion JAMES MCCORMICK, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

All the Grand Officers were present, and sixteen Grand Representatives from other Grand Councils, including *T.·. I.·.* Companion A. B. SHUMWAY, Grand Representative of California.

There are twenty subordinate Councils in this State, with a membership of 3,212 members, being an increase over the previous year of 107, and all were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master was a splendid one, and we commend the following extract to the earnest perusal of our Companions. He says:—

"Our regard for the Cryptic Rite is to be justly measured by our zeal, our fidelity, and our intelligence. The indifference which marks the status of many men in all institutions, even the most sacred, is owing to the lack of intelligence. Thousands of men, even in the church of GOD, raise no voice, lift no hand for its help, they are the indifferent class. They exact of the church a double performance, to be at once a divine ambulance for the lame and lazy, and a palace car, richly cushioned, ornately decorated, with orchestra and buffet attached, and porters of such serene attitude as to look with disdain on a tip, and every passenger with a pass. The men in Masonry who require that the institution be for them a purveyor of enjoyable things,

who decide upon the value simply by the amount of gratification it affords them, are men who lack in intelligence concerning the meaning of the various grades. It is not sufficient to merely "take a degree." A man may be raised to a "sublime degree" physically, who may never know what it is to feel the impulses which quicken the brain, and stir the soul, and lift the whole being ever from the lower into the higher zones of action. We cannot too deeply impress ourselves with the fact that an institution is of value to us only in proportion to our intellectual apprehension, and our intellectual approval of it. Without this, any institution will be worthless to us. The real value of Masonry is esoteric. It is to be judged of by its power to raise a man's ideas and to elevate his character, to shape him into high results. There is the esoteric—but the external which is visible is not first in order of time. The real splendor of the temple is not its architectural appearance, nor its ornamental decoration, but its fitness for the end for which it was erected. Splendor of paraphernalia, elaborateness of ritual, accuracy in the rendition of the degrees, however pleasing externally, are only of value as they the more fully impress upon candidate and Companion the lesson of the degree. If we have not gotten that, we have hardly gotten the worth of the money expended. The rough ashlars are to be smoothed, keystones are to be shaped to tie arches, vaults are to be made to preserve treasures. Esoteric Masonry gave the world the temples and palaces of the past; the Masonry of to-day aims to shape men from intellectual and moral coarseness into 'polished' elements of the holy temple of GOD; into keystones which tie together the great springing arches of our common life; into great depositories from whence treasures may be brought forth for the enriching of mankind and the glory of GOD. All this requires an understanding of the objects of rites in which we engage. We cannot appreciate them unless we study them. Companions, in all this I am confident that I have but recited your sentiments. My years of association with you have given me such knowledge of you as justifies me in saying to you that I hold you to be men who have been untiring in your efforts to reach high ideas; men who have not only sought to attain to verbal accuracy, to render with dramatic spirit the ritual of the degrees, but who have struggled to understand and exemplify the secret treasures therein contained.

"The reward of certain men is, that 'they shall stand before kings.' Your reward is, that you will sit in the Grand Master's chair. I congratulate you, Companions, in advance.

"My report of official action is very brief. The times of peace are not historic times. A hundred years of a country's history has hardly a mention. And yet in that time generations were born and generations died, a happy people prospered, built them homes, and roads, and temples; but thirty years of war was but thirty years of a long and eventful history, but that thirty years has been written of until volumes become libraries. Peace times are blessed times, but war times seem to call out fullest mention. It is so of our jurisdiction. All is diligent, earnest, active, with a zeal according to knowledge. There is no wrangling—the harmony is universal. Men are too busy to quarrel. *The son of toil on the s'reet corner talks more about work than any other man in the community and does less. The man at work doesn't talk much about it.*"

There is a big bundle of truth in these last two lines which we have italicised, and it is so well put, and so tersely stated, that it is worthy to be placed side by side with BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S trite sayings. He deserved the vote of thanks from the Grand Council "for his very able address, and to him and his associate officers for the faithful performance of their respective duties."

The Report on Correspondence is by *M.·. P.·.* Companion Past Grand Master JOHN H. BARLOW, and covers fifty-six pages. He first reviews the Independent Grand Councils of Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin, before those of the General Grand Council and its subordinates. While we miss the fragrant, spicy humor of his predecessor, the lamented Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, yet we find in Comp. BARLOW the sturdy strength of the "Charter Oak," itself the Secret Vault in which was deposited in colonial times the sacred treasure—the charter of the liberties of the founders of the "Nutmeg State," in infancy.

He gives three and a half pages to California, and largely quotes from our Report in 1895, under the heads of Mississippi and Ohio. In that report we quoted from the report of *Ill.·.* REUBEN NASON, Deputy Inspector-General of the Southern Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite, who was appointed Deputy Inspector-General for the States of Louisiana and Mississippi on March 13, 1851, and who on the 6th of July following, writing from Aberdeen, Miss., reports having constituted four Councils at Houston, Kosciusko, Pontotoc, and Cayuga, in the State of Mississippi, etc., and after referring to some nine Councils working under dispensations from *Ill.·.* JOHN A. QUITMAN, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, he concludes by saying: "At Holly Springs that Council *holds a Charter or Dispensation from the Grand Council of Connecticut.*"

Ill.·. Comp. BARLOW says:—

"We find no record of the granting of such charter by the Grand Council of Connecticut. Please give us the date?"

We refer him to the archives of the Supreme Council at Washington in charge of *Ill.·.* FRED WEBBER, 33°, Secretary-General, and to those of the *Ill.·.* General JOHN A. QUITMAN, the Grand Council of Mississippi, and *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master FREDERICK SPEED of Mississippi.

He condemns the action of the General Grand Master in relation to the organization of Grand Councils, and asks:—

"Where does the General Grand Master find his authority for forcing upon every new Grand Council such requirements? Certainly not in the Constitution of the General Grand Body, where it ought to be if at all. Nor is it a prerogative of his office. If this requirement is to be made by the General Grand Council, we say: put it in the Constitution where all can see it, then Companions in unoccupied territories can judge as to the expediency of applying to the General or some State Grand Council for dispensations to form new Councils.

"After a careful consideration of this subject, and with the greatest respect for the General Grand Council, we are led to the conclusion that the Grand Council of Colorado is a lawfully constituted body, and entitled to recognition by sister jurisdictions."

The great mistake would seem to be in the creating of subordinate State or Territorial Grand Councils by the General Grand Council. State and independent sovereignty is lost by the creating of a State Grand Council, a representative body of its own constituency, while the term *Grand* is out of

place, and such a body is merely provincial in its character. State pride is the chief influence or motive prompting the organization of Grand Bodies within their respective boundaries.

It is the same old question ever presenting itself in new forms; and is an inheritance of the harvests grown from the seeds planted by England in the division of her American domain by the granting of charters to the several colonies, fixing their boundaries, defining their respective powers and privileges, and playing them off one against the other, and hostile to all excepting so far as to protect her own self-interest, creating dissension, jealousy, and envy, out of which came forth the doctrine of State sovereignty independent of the national and generally denominated "State Rights."

On the Pacific Coast there has been no joint occupancy in new territory by the General Grand Council, and an Independent State Grand Council, and there was none in Colorado, where the former had undisputed possession, and all Councils were created by her and to her all Companions owed their paramount allegiance within her jurisdiction, for there was none other. The Grand Council of California assumed to act as a Sovereign Council by granting a charter to *Helena* Council, No. 9. at Helena, Montana, October 22, 1868, and which is still borne upon the roll of the Grand Council of California; but the General Grand Council has never yet demurred or protested against it, though it is the prerogative reserved to the General Grand Council, either direct or implied.

In the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the A. and A. S. Rite there are no State Grand Bodies, though there are Councils of Deliberation. In that of the Southern there are but three Grand Bodies—the Grand Consistories; but the system of government is non-representative, and the great trouble has been in trying to adopt a representative government for a borrowed Rite taken from the side and under the wing of the Scottish Rite, and of which it was a part, and, until severed from it, drew its nourishment. The Grand Lodge and Royal Arch of Zerubbabel's systems have been remarkably clear from any such complex difficulties.

The Colorado Companions, by their action, attempted in the establishing of an Independent State Grand Council, to elevate themselves to an equal rank and dignity to that of the General Grand Council which gave them birth. They might have done so, if an Independent State Grand Council had first created them, but here was the *Most Super Supreme Sovereign Puissant and Illustrious General Grand Council of the United States*, with State and Territorial Grand Councils subordinate to its national authority, so far as its jurisdiction went. They kicked when the General Grand Master and Grand Recorder attempted to make them wear the "Oregon Boot," for which there is no provision in the Constitution, and which he, without legislation, has supplied. They reasoned, perhaps, that as the President of the United States is not entitled to a salute of more guns than the Governor of a State, that Colorado was equal to the whole of the Grand Jurisdiction of the General Grand Council. While we admire their spirit of independence, Spartan courage, and audacity, yet their judgment was at fault. "Sixteen to one"

was against them, while one—the General Grand Master—was equal to sixteen and more, by self-assumption.

When any governing power of any institution become so grievously insupportable, and the usurpation of tyranny of authority within it, cannot within the bounds of its constitution be remedied by reason of superior numbers, then it is time to leave it, no matter whether it claims to be Masonic or anything else. Its character and nature having been changed, then the duty is to retire from it with honor, and all obligations of allegiance to it are absolved *per se*.

The recognition of the Grand Council of Colorado by independent State Grand Councils are acts of unfriendliness to the General Grand Council, and invites retaliation by invasion and the organizing of subordinate and Grand Councils subject to itself within their jurisdictions, and would cause subterranean explosions of mines that would blow the Secret Vault into irretrivable ruin.

Don't destroy the ship while at sea because the captain and mates are tyrants, for there are passengers on board who are helpless and silent; but wait until after arrival in port and then either get rid of the captain or leave the ship, without taking one of the boats to go to sea again at your own risk.

But we must leave you, Comp. BARLOW, and hasten on.

M.·. P.·. EDWARD C. WEST was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES MCCORMICK re-elected Grand Recorder.

Ill.·. Comp. JOHN H. BARLOW was appointed the Committee on Correspondence.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

1896.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales held its Annual Session at Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen street, W. C., on Thursday, the 12th of March, 1896.

The *M.·.* *Ill.·* the EARL OF EUSTON, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* C. F. MATIER, P. D. G. M., Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There was no Address from the Grand Master.

The most interesting matter is the annual balance sheet of the Grand Recorder, and the rolls of Councils, members and Representatives, with locations, etc. The Grand Recorder received ten guineas as an *honorarium* for his services.

The Grand Master evidently holds his office *ad vitum* and appoints all the others annually which is generally a re-appointment, and so it was at this session.

This Grand Council was closed and the degree of Royal Master was exemplified by *Ill.·.* Comp. B. R. BRYANT, assisted by *Ill.* Comps. Rt. Hon. THE EARL OF PORTARLINGTON, R. J. VOISEY and HAROLD THOMSON LYON, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was tendered.

The Secret Vault was filled by a banquet, which was subsequently held at Freemason's Tavern.

ILLINOIS.

1896.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois held its forty-fourth Annual Assembly in the Masonic Temple, city of Chicago, on the 28th day of October, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896, at 10 o'clock A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. M. M. LORD, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Companion GIL. W. BARNARD, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are forty-four Councils in this independent jurisdiction, with a membership of 3,193, being an increase of 365, or one for every day of the year. Forty-three Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master exhibits a thorough acquaintance with business methods, and his opening is of a financial nature rather than esoteric He says:—

"Another financial period of our existence has closed, and the fears and hopes of the past must soon be transferred to another," &c.

He reappointed our deceased Illustrious Companion STEPHEN WING as Representative near the Grand Council of California. Alas, poor HIRAM! the triangle has been broken on earth, and he has passed through the subterranean vault to the companionship of the Royal and Select in the Supreme Grand Council above.

Among the decisions approved by the Grand Council we find the following:—

"It is *not* necessary that Royal and Select Masters who received the degrees in a Chapter Council in Illinois, be first formerly (*not formally*) healed before they are eligible for affiliation in a subordinate Council."

In noting the official letters addressed to the Grand Master, M. M. LORD, the effect became rather amusing, and we were reminded of what occurred at the palatial residence of the late Governor and U. S. Senator of California, the Hon. LELAND STANFORD, when entertaining Lord GROSVENOR, on Nob Hill, some years ago, on his visit to California. Gov. STANFORD had an Irish servant by the name of Dennis McCarthy, who stuttered, but was a good waiter at the table. The Governor, who was also president of the Southern and Central Pacific Railroad Companies, was very courteous and attentive to his noble guest, and the other members of the family were profuse in their attentions at the table, addressing "My Lord" so frequently during the various courses which appeared upon the table, and the servants generally adopted the same manner in addressing his Lordship so obsequiously and so frequently that it was somewhat puzzling to Dennis at this innovation upon customary manners. His Lordship, being a good liver, ate bountifully of every dish set before him, and when there came a lull, Dennis, who had remained silent until then, in his stuttering manner, and anxious to serve the distinguished guest still further, said to him, "M.... M.... L.... Lord

G.... God, phwat will ye have now?" at which the whole of the household burst out with uncontrollable laughter, his Lordship enjoying the merriment caused by the questioner as well as the rest of them. It stopped the addressing the guest as "Lord," and plain Mr. GROSVENOR was the title he went by as long as he remained with his host.

We notice that *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion M— M— LORD, the retiring Grand Master, was presented with the usual P. G. Master's jewel, which closed his "fiscal year," and he was justly deserving of it.

M.·. Ill.·. GEO. M. GROSS was elected Grand Master, *R.·. Ill.·.* Companion GIL. W. BARNARD re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

1896.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Indiana held its forty-first Annual Meeting in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Indianopolis beginning at 2 o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday, the 20th day of October, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896.

M.·. I.·. THOMAS R. MARSHALL, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are forty-eight Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 2525, being a gain of 68 during the previous year. Forty-five Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's Address is one of the best that we have read. It not only has the right ring, but is animated, sprightly, and coming as the Grand Master does from elsewhere, it is an infusion of new and healthy blood, which has been so long necessary in that jurisdiction. We take the following extract from it, which we most heartily commend:—

"More and more as I have advanced in Masonry and in years I have been convinced that the ties of our fraternal institution are indeed those of fraternity, fellowship, good will, charity, faith in God, and as far as may be, faith in our fellowmen. I think our Order was not instituted for the man who desires to use Masonry for personal, social, political or business preferment. It has become an infinite source of regret to me that in some places and under some circumstances Masonry is being brought into the public marts; that our badges are used for all purposes, and that there is a desperate attempt to subserve private interest and pecuniary gain by stamping the Masonic badge upon all sorts of devices, from cornplasters, which do not draw, to insurance companies, which do not insure. This may not meet with your approval, my Illustrious Companions, but I am more and more convinced that we ought in some way to rid ourselves of what I fear will be a burden that will bear us down into disaster in this jurisdiction unless we let it be known that ours is purely a fraternal institution, and that it is not instituted for business purposes at all, and that we are not associated with any man or class of men, who are using the institution for personal and private purposes; I speak this not in harshness, nor for the purpose of stirring up bitterness and malice. I speak it because I have been honored with the good will and friendship of many men. From the humblest and lowliest position in life I have step by step been exalted into the presence of the great ones until, by your good graces, I have sat in the fellowship of kings."

M.·. Ill.·. ANDREW J. ROBINSON was elected Grand Master and *R.·. I.·.* Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

1896.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Indian Territory convened in Annual Assembly in the Masonic Hall, town of Muskogee, Muskogee Nation, Indian Territory, on the 13th day of August, 1896.

M.·. Ill... ROBERT W. HILL, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Companion JOSEPH S. MURROW, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

All of the Grand Officers were present.

There are four Councils in this young jurisdiction, with a membership of 97, and all were represented.

The address of the Grand Master covers four pages. It is more than excellent; it is a splendid cluster of diamonds of the finest polish and setting, and flashes with the brilliant rays of Masonic truth, and we give a few extracts from it as follows:

"Masonry has successfully filled a place in human life. It offers companionship to kindred spirits, and inspires those of common aims to mutual helpfulness and sympathy. The world would be a sad loser if Masonry and all it signifies were blotted out. It is a system which makes direct appeals to those who desire to do good to their fellows, and its principles receive happy illustrations every day. We who are assembled to-day have a special and important work to do in fostering all that makes Masonry a power in the land. As we look back over the year and note what has been accomplished, we take heart of hope, and determine that we shall go on in the good work, and accomplish more as the opportunities of the future open before us. Fortunately, we can offer our hearty thanks to the Giver of all good, that Death has spared our entire circle. It is much to be able to say that among so many, and yet I trust that all are ready for the call of the Messenger, for,

> "'Sooner or later, and what matters it when,
> We leave the censure and praise of men;
> What matters it how, if our souls are blest
> With the love that guideth to perfect rest?'

"It has always seemed to me that the interest in the Cryptic degrees has not been what it should be, and I can only account for this fact by attributing the indifference to a lack of knowledge of what Cryptic Masonry is. Its relations to the Chapter ought to give it a firm hold upon the affections of all Royal Arch Masons, but there seems to be a wide spread impression that Cryptic Masonry has nothing specially interesting to offer to the Masonic traveler. Even the Chapter itself is held by many to be of little real value, and is only taken because it is a necessary step toward the Orders of Knighthood. But the Cryptic degrees are more than a Masonic side show. They contain in themselves lessons which are as valuable as any which either precede or follow. For pure moral dogma, illustrations of sublime faith, and beautiful historical settings, the Cryptic degrees can compare with any others. While the Blue Lodge in itself has the marks of great antiquity, the Chapter bears the impress of a late development, and the

Cryptic degrees have the polish and completeness which indicates they are due to an attempt to harmonize the discrepancies which the Eighteenth Century found in the lectures of other degrees. It was an attempt, but a successful attempt, and its success was due to the fact that the material was all drawn from Masonic sources. It therefore represents the modern setting of a pure Masonic truth, and as such should find a place in the system. It is not new truth, for all truth is as old as time itself, but it is a happy newer setting. As each age works out the great problems of life, it becomes necessary for them to rearrange the statements of dogma, so that they may be accommodated to the new view points. Man must progress, or else life is a failure. With new opportunities, there must be fresh achievements. Each age must add something to the sum total of human knowledge. We Masons are pupils in the great school of time, and our experience has taught us that man's distinctive mark is Progress.

> "'Not God's, and not the beasts;
> Man is, they are,
> Man partly is, and partly hopes to be.'

"For this reason we have a welcome for all which bears the impress of Truth, and a place for any system which devotes itself to the dissemination of any form of dogma which will make men better and richer in all that pertains to highest manhood."

He makes the best comments on the Colorado imbroglio that have yet appeared, and, so clearly and tersely stated, that we give it in full, endorsing completely all that he says upon this subject, which is as follows:

"An unfortunate difference of opinion in construing the Constitution of the General Grand Council has resulted in a serious disagreement between our Colorado Companions and the General Grand Master. It was a matter seriously considered at the time of the organization of this Grand Council whether the same construction put upon the provision of the Constitution of the General Grand Council, having reference to the method of organizing Grand Councils was not the correct one. Many of us believed that the Constitution gave the right to three or more Councils, properly chartered in one State or Territory, to organize a Grand Council whenever they deemed the step a prudent one to take. For the sake of peace and harmony we are willing to accede to any suggestion of the Grand Officers vested with authority in the premises, and it thus happened that we were able to avoid the trouble which has befallen our Companions in Colorado. On the face of the Constitution there is no doubt that a fair construction will decide that no special permissions are required before Grand Councils can be organized, but it is also a fair statement that Councils under charter of the General Grand Council are pledged to support and maintain and render obedience to that body. The two statements must go together, and the authority of the Constitution and the officers under that instrument must be sustained. It would have been better for our Colorado Companions to have submitted to the decision of the Grand Master, for Masonic quarrels are usually long-lived. For the sake of peace, where principles are not at stake, it is wise to yield a point. Our Colorado Companions would not do this, and as a result we are sorry to publish the fact that by order of the General Grand Master they are to be considered clandestine; that is, all who recognize themselves as under the obedience of the body styling itself the Grand Council of Colorado. Much as we may regret the step taken by the Grand Master, we are compelled to take notice of the present conditions, and govern ourselves accordingly. At the same time, it is our sincere desire that some honorable method may be found whereby this unhappy disagreement will be speedily ended. We need union and not division in Cryptic Ma-

sonry, and for the sake of the truest interests of Masonry it will be well for us to do our part in reconciling this quarrel. We can better afford to permit the organization of an independent Grand Council than to have such bitterness as must result if the present condition of affairs is suffered to continue. We are bound to maintain the edict of the General Grand Master until it be set aside by competent authority, but at the same time we may be permitted to express our hope that the present trouble will soon be ended."

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Companion N. B. MAXEY, and covers but three and a quarter pages, in which he briefly reviews the proceedings of but twelve Grand Councils, California not being of the number, evidently not having been received. The amount being very short in the treasury, he has condensed it accordingly. But it will grow in time.

M.·. Ill.·. EDMOND HENRY DOYLE was elected Grand Master; *R.·. Ill.·.* Companion JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

1897.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas held its twenty-ninth Annual Assembly in Masonic Temple in the city of Salina at 9 A. M.—*M.·. Ill.·.* A. A. CARNAHAN, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. A. M. CALLAHAM, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

All the Grand Officers were present, and eight of the Councils were represented. There were Grand Representatives present from thirteen Grand Councils, including *Ill.·.* Comp R. E. TORRINGTON, the Grand Representative of California. The ten Councils of the Grand Jurisdiction have a membership of 722, being a loss of only six during the past year of hard times. Fortunately, however, there is no complaint of "the grasshopper being a burden," and the winged broncos of the prairies have not consumed the grass or the corn in the ear.

Grand Master CARNAHAN'S Address is a beautiful piece of work, and the Companion who wrought it is deserving of a full and complete reward. He, however, speaks of the Cryptic Rite as follows:—

"We speak of the sun at its meridian height, its height being relative, so we speak relatively of high grades in Freemasonry. The sun at its rising, or when it comes to our sight after the night, is the same at high twelve. As the cryptic is the last and highest grade of Ancient Craft Masonry, we as its living exponents should think, act and speak as becomes those who have been admitted within the ninth arch."

There is no higher grade or degree in Freemasonry than the "Sublime degree of Master Mason." The apex of the Masonic pyramid is then complete at its high twelve; "the beauty and glory of the day" and for all time. There is nothing to be added to or taken from it to complete its sublimity, the birth, the life, the death, and the resurrection is full and complete and a rounded whole, and until the ascension of the purified body and soul combined has been completed from the alembic of the grave and placed where it was originally designed by their creator, the Grand Master Mason of the universe, the sublimity and sovereignty of the Master Mason's Degree will retain its power and beauty and glory until the sun shall fail to rise in the East,

ascend to its zenith of splendor in the South, completing the first arc of its quadrant or square of ninety degrees, and finishes its arc of the second square of ninety degrees, when it sets in equal glory in the West, with which it rose in the East. No, Companions, there is no grade or degree in Masonry higher than that of Master Mason. The decalogue of MOSES is the constitution of all law and has never received but one amendment, and that given by the most Illustrious and Divine Master, who said: "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another, and whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye even so unto them. Upon this hang all the law and the prophets."

All other so-called degrees or grades are but verniers or subdivisions of the great protractor or quadrant of one-fourth of the circle, the great square of the Master's Degree, and he who has passed that square as the Master of his Lodge is reduced thirty degrees, or one-twelfth of the circle and one-third of the square by which he reached the Master's station in the Oriental chair, the cradle of the sun, which never shines in the subterranean vault—no, not even in the ninth arch. The entrance to the great pyramid of Cheops in Egypt was but the underground telescope to observe the north star when on the meridian with that of Alioth in the constellation of Ursa Major or the Great Bear, while the great pyramid itself was an elevated dial for the sun to measure its inclination and shadows from its rising in the East until its going down in the West, the great symbol of the Master Mason's Degree of the course of human life represented on the Master's tracing board, and so truthfully described by Shakespeare in his "Seven Stages of Man."

The Cryptic Degrees are below and not above: they in part measure the shadow and the darkness of the earth, caused by the absence of the sun, and if the earth did not revolve upon its axis, there would be eternal death from the extremes of heat and cold, by fire and shadow. It is in the contemplation of this great truth as taught in the symbolism of the Cryptic Degrees, of the course of time and the fate of man, represented in that of the Master Builder of the Temple, and the search for the missing or lost Square of the Circle and represented by the Lost Word, which is the keystone of the Arch and the completion of the Circle, unlawfully taken from the Master's Degree itself originally, a perfect whole; all other degrees are but decimal fractions in comparison, and are of the earth, earthy, and we labor in the Cryptic Degrees like the mole to recover that which was hidden and buried, to restore it to the sunlight above.

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.*. Comp. A. M. CALLAHAM, not CALLAHAN. So to write it correctly, we will think of our beautiful *Calla* lilies and a sugar-cured *ham*. We would like to exchange a carload of California Calla lilies for a few of Kansas' sugar-cured hams.

He gives three pages and a half to California and says that our praise of the Kansas Report on Correspondence of last year should have been given to Comp. SILAS L. SEABROOK, which we now do; but in this of 1897, we certainly desire to do full credit and justice to both. The latter in his review of Illinois and of the Colorado matter deals rightly and justly with the

subject. "The test of Masonic character is authority," as quoted by him, is not true; the test of Masonic character is toleration founded on justice, equity, and truth, on liberty, equality, and fraternity, and not on arrogant power, superimposed or usurped. In Masonry, as well as civil government, "the consent of the governed" must be secured, or there is no government, and which is so well represented in the Past Master's degree, where that lesson is so admirably taught. The Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland learned that, at the time of the American Revolution, and afterwards, when the Grand Lodge of England, still claiming authority over America a year and a half after the treaty was signed in which Great Britain acknowledged the independence of the United States of America, cast a firebrand of discord among the Craft in this country, by invading the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge in Massachusetts in granting a charter on September 20, 1784, for a negro Lodge at Boston to PRINCE HALL and others under the name of African Lodge, No. 429, to be located at Boston, which did not arrive until 1787, three years afterwards, when it went to work; and later with three or four members, when its charter was recalled, they set up the "Prince Hall Grand Lodge" of themselves, from whence all the negro lodges have sprung. The Grand Lodge of England abused its "authority," which was no "test of Masonic character."

But we must move on.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. FRANK E. DAVIS was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. A. M. CALLAHAM re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

1896.

The Grand Council of Kentucky Royal and Select Masters met in annual assembly in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Louisville, on Monday, October 19, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

M.·. Ill.·. CHARLES C. VOGT, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. LORENZO D. CRONINGER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

All of the Grand Officers were present, and sixteen Representatives from other Grand Councils, California not included. *Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES DYSERT LEWIS, where wert thou? At Bowling Green?

There are eighteen Councils in this jurisdiction. There are 752 Royal and Select Masters in this jurisdiction, being a gain of 100 over the previous year; just enough to form a "century club." Good for Kentucky, and the Blue Grass region. There is no Bourbon among them now.

The Grand Master's Address is short and sweet, and only occupies two pages. "Brevity is the soul of wit." If that be so, he has made a hit.

The Report on Correspondence is by that genial, lovable and *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion, Past Grand Master JAMES W. STATON, who gives a fine report in fine print of thirty-nine pages, and his opening or introduction is so worthy of reproduction that we give it in full, and say *State on* my most illustrious Companion:—

"For several years past the Grand Council of Kentucky has had only

meager Reports on Correspondence presented, for the simple reason that if written they could not be printed, because there were no funds in the treasury to pay for the printing. This writer does not now know that he will ever have the pleasure of preparing another report for the Grand Council, but he is determined that if his life is spared he will not only prepare a report for the current year, but will also print it, even if there is not sufficient funds to do so. He is thankful that he has sufficient knowledge of the printing business to do the entire work himself, and he is determined to see that one more report is published, but he does not make any other promises for the future. We do not promise to enter into elaborate discussions, but simply present such matters as we shall deem of interest to those who may take the time and pains to read what we may put in print. We have not a complete file of the proceedings for review, but will make it as full as we can with the proceedings before us, and such as we may be able to procure before we finally close this report. We begin, as is our custom, with first pamphlet before us in the alphabetical list."

He gives about half a page to California and pays a high compliment to the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, to which we most humbly bow. In speaking of the General Grand Master interpolating an "iron-clad oath" into the Constitutions of the State Grand Councils of Oregon, Washington, and Indian Territory, which is not required in the Constitution of the General Grand Council, and extra judicial in its character, he argues justly and wisely. It is our opinion that it is usurpation of power, casts doubt upon loyalty and allegiance, and in spirit—if not in the letter—impeaches the obligation and oath already taken by every Royal and Select Master under its jurisdiction. It is injurious to the Cryptic Rite, and such "authority" is not "a measure of Masonic character." It forces a subordinate body to declare under oath what the Supreme Grand Body has not itself required. The "Mystic Tie" of Brotherhood, freely and voluntarily assumed, cannot be cast off by usurped authority, and in its place an enforced chain with manacles and the "Oregon Boot" worn by criminals. Cryptic Masonry has too hard a struggle already to maintain its existence, and when a REHOBOAM succeeds to the throne of SOLOMON there is a danger of the cry of "what portion have we in DAVID? and we have none inheritance in the son of JESSE; every man to your tents, O Israel! and now, DAVID, see to thine own house." There is danger of a perpetual broken triangle; and at last poor HIRAM being driven to the wall.

Said THOMAS JEFFERSON: "That is the best government which in spirit governs the least." The law must not be so enforced in an arbitrary manner as to provoke resistance to itself. If it is, harmony is at once broken, and the natural spirit of personal liberty and independence and self-respect is certain to be aroused, defiance to authority takes place, hatred is substituted in place of esteem and love, and, though the letter of the law may be on the side of authority, and good and true men for the safety of the institution be compelled to maintain it, yet while doing so, feel a sympathy for the other side and hold in contempt the usurpation and arrogance of the arbitrary person in power whose action has invoked the opposition to tyrannical measures. '*Montani semper liberi*,' mountain men are always free,

and so is every true American, no matter whether he be in Colorado, Massachussetts, California, or elsewhere.

Companion STATON says in conclusion:

"The last pamphlet of proceedings has been disposed of, and we close our review. We have extended this review to a greater extent than was intended when we begun it. The discussion of the Colorado case has taken more space than we thought to have taken, but we became interested in it, and concluded to speak our mind about it let the consequences be what they may. We have no fight to make with the G. G. Council, but we cannot concede that it owns the earth, or even the unoccupied territory of these United States, and has no more power or latitude than have the independent Grand Councils.

"On the whole, Cryptic Masonry seems to be on the up grade, and by push and energy of the Grand Officers in Kentucky it can be made 'a go.' Wherever the Grand Officers of other jurisdictions visit the subordinates frequently there is where the Rite prospers most; and so it is in every branch of Masonry. We hope for better times for the Cryptic Rite in Kentucky, and we confidently expect to see them.

"Since the publication of our review of the organization of the Grand Council of Colorado, we have received a copy of their proceedings 1894–1896, and some correspondence between the Grand Master of Colorado, and the G. G. Master, subsequent to the proceedings of 1896. The action of the Grand Council of 1896, and the correspondence mentioned seems to look to a reconciliation, but exclusiveiy on the basis of the Constitution of the G. G. C., and on the same terms as were given to the Grand Councils which organized the G. G. C. in 1880, and those which yielded allegiance since that time, ignoring the obnoxious clauses dictated by G. G. Master OSGOODBY in the Oregon organization, and receiving Colorado on the same terms as were conceded to the Councils which organized the G. G. C. in 1880.

"Under all the circumstances, if such an organization can be perfected, it may be that harmony can be restored, and to this end we will not throw a straw in the way to obtain so desirable an end. But we will say that our Colorado Companions have had, and still have pluck enough to resist the fastening on them of the obnoxious iron-clad clauses which have been fastened on Oregon, Indian Territory, and Washington, and to this end we highly commend them. Those clauses are not justified by the Constitution of the G. G. C., but are dictated by the zeal of a G. G. Master to forever fasten her constituents to her, whether right or wrong, with hooks of steel.

"If Colorado can make peace on the terms she has proposed we will rejoice that she has secured terms of equality with the Grand Councils which organized the G. G. C. in 1880, and thus brought to an end a bitter controversy which will work no good to the cause of Cryptic Masonry.

"With most fraternal feeling for all the Companions of our own, and all other jurisdictions, we bid them adieu for the present.

JAMES W. STATON, Chairman,
for the Committee.

Brookville, Kentucky.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. JOHN C. MCKEE was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. LORENZO D. CRONINGER re-elected Grand Recorder, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES W. STATON re-appointed Chairman ot the Committee on Correspondence.

LOUISIANA.

1896.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Louisiana held its Forty-first Assembly in the Masonic Temple,

corner of St. Charles and Perdido streets, city of New Orleans, on Thursday, February 13, 1896, at 12 o'clock M.

M.·. I.·. HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. I.·.* Comp. RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are seven Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 207, being a loss of two during the previous year. All the Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's Address covers two and a half pages, and it shows that he has been active and zealous in the performance of his official duties.

We take the following excerpt from it for the benefit of our Companions:—

"The Committee on History have not been able to complete their report. I have within a day or two found several items of historical interest, which I herein embody for preservation.

"The 'Manuel Maçonnique,' published in this city in 1828, states that Holland Council was constituted by the Grand Consistory of the United States and was installed September 20, 1927, with J. H. HOLLAND as T. F. I. G. M; J. BARABINO as Dep. G. M, and A. PHILLIPS as P. C. of W. In the City Directory of 1834 it is stated that there was a Grand Council, R. and S. M., with the following officers: JOHN H. HOLLAND, G. P.; C. WOODRUFF, D. P., and JOSEPH BARABINO, P. C. of W. In the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1845, 1846, and 1847 it is stated that Holland Council was holding under the Grand Council of the United States. This is presumed to have been the Scotch Rite Body. In those of 1848, Holland Council is given as annexed to Polar Star Chapter. Those of 1849 again give Holland Council as holding under the Grand Council of the United States."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. I.·. Rev. H. C. DUNCAN was re-elected Grand Master, and *R.·. I.·.* Comp RICHARD LAMBERT (our old comrade in the Mexican War), was re-elected Grand Recorder, and long may he live to fill the office.

MAINE.

1896.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Maine held its forty-second Annual Assembly at Masonic Hall in Portland, on Wednesday, May 6, A. L. 5896, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

M.·. I.·. ORESTES E. CROWELL, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. I.·.* Companion STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are sixteen chartered Councils with a membership of 2,189 in this jurisdiction, there being a gain of 143 during the previous year, or seven per cent. Fourteen Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master exhibits care and watchfulness over his charge, and that it has improved under his administration, and is on the road to perfection. He condemns the action of Colorado, and hopes for a harmonizing of the existing difficulties.

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion ALBRO E. CHASE, and covers forty pages of closely printed matter. He gives a little more than a

page to California. It is a pleasure to follow him through his winding report, and notice the manner in which he blazes his way and adroitly avoids stumbling obstructions as he makes his journey from one Grand Council to another until he reaches Colorado, when he becomes transformed into the double office of Inspector and Judge Advocate-General at a court-martial, and pronounces his conclusions with an *if* or a *proviso*, and asks:—

"What kind of a *call* was this? Is it the same *call* as is mentioned farther on in the circular under McGrew's signature as '*requests*' and '*expressions of opinion?*' Where is there any proof that the formation of a Grand Council was submitted to the several Councils of Colorado; or, that these Councils had any reasonable notice that such action was to be had at any of their respective assemblies; or, that at any assembly of these subordinate Councils any action, after due notice, was taken by those Councils, in the expression of an opinion, or in the selection of any delegates to the proposed convention?

"It does appear from the circular that Wm. McGrew had 'the interests of several of the Councils' in his hands at the Triennial Assembly of the Grand Council for the purpose of getting what? a charter for a Grand Council? not at all; charters for the several Councils in Colorado that had been acting under dispensations. Further on it appears that *he* (McGrew) received requests (by whose motion) that *he* call a convention; *he* laid the matter before six live Councils, *he* called the convention, and *as* a fitting tribute to all this labor on his part *he* was elected *Ill.*. Grand Master.

"'During the month of November requests were received from several Councils' for a convention, and this convention, after the requests had been laid before the six live Councils and presumably acted on, was called December 6, 1894. When, during the month of November, may we ask? Does it appear reasonable, without further proof, that this alleged convention was made up either of representatives of the several Councils properly selected, or even of the officers of the several Councils who might perhaps be present? And, if the latter, did each and all of them receive a notice to attend such a convention?"

"Now, the statement that six good live Councils were properly represented at the alleged convention, from what we learn, does not appear to be true in this: that the Councils did not authorize any such convention. Indeed, one of the most active Councils of the State has refused to give in its allegiance, and still continues to report to, and pay its dues to, the General Grand Council. And we learn that the General Grand Master has granted dispensations for other Councils in Colorado, holding directly under the General Grand Council.

"Now, if the statements are true with regard to the want of notice or illegality of notice, to the want of method, or illegality of method, on the part of the Councils, then this alleged convention is void and its acts of no effect.

"We regret that some of the Grand Councils have recognized this Grand Council on the *ex parte* statements. We thought it good and sound Masonic law and *usage* that, when a field was occupied by one Masonic Body, an invasion of that field by a second body was sufficient to cause such a body to be condemned."

In this last sentence it will be observed that in Maine, in following the Chase, it is a long time since there was *Arooslook*. In Colorado the chicken house is different. Maine is so far to the east, and so much occupied territory to the west of her by at least two thousand miles, that she cannot stretch her blankets in that direction, and must be content with her pine

tree crib and cradle at home, where everything grown or produced is coniferous.

Colorado was open to every independent Grand Council that might have desired to create subordinate Councils within it, as well as by the General Grand Council, which had no monopoly of the territory. The independent Grand Councils are now debarred by the creation of the Grand Council of Colorado, which is a sufficient notice to them to keep out, until it shall have been dissolved. If independent Grand Councils had granted charters in Colorado, which they had a perfect and legitimate right to do, whether there were three or more of one or several jurisdictions, and they came together and formed a Grand Council, then any other subordinate Council created by the General Grand Council would have had to recognize the authority of such new Grand Council so created, and the General Grand Council would have had to withdraw its jurisdiction, or its subordinate Councils declared clandestine that it had created. This is Masonic law, custom, and *usage*. This may seem strange to Companion CHASE, yet it is nevertheless true, as the following statement of facts will show:

The Grand Lodge of Washington chartered *Lewiston* Lodge, No. 10, in Lewiston, Idaho Territory, in 1863, and in 1867, by those acts, claimed exclusive jurisdiction in that Territory. The Grand Lodge of Oregon paid no attention to this claim, and proceeded to grant dispensations and charters to Lodges at Bannock City, Boise City, and at Placerville, Silver City, during these years, and on December 16th, 1867, these Oregon created Lodges assembled and organized the Grand Lodge of Idaho, which did so without asking the consent of either of the Grand Lodges or Grand Masters of Washington and Oregon, between which all intercourse had been interdicted. The true principle of American Masonry is, that it is built from the ground up, and that its governing powers derive their authority from the people themselves who are governed. California never claimed exclusive jurisdiction of Nevada or Arizona, though she chartered no less than eight Lodges in the former when a Territory, and three of the four in the latter. California herself had no less than *seven* mother Grand Lodges to grant charters and dispensations, and perhaps more which did not come to light, and not one of them ever put up a claim of exclusive jurisdiction. Missouri, District of Columbia, Connecticut, Illinois, Wisconsin, New Jersey, and Louisiana took Masonic possession of California, which in turn, immediately after the organization of its own Grand Lodge, granted charters for two Lodges in Oregon, enabling them, with that chartered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, to organize the Grand Lodge of Oregon, the parent of two others.

In 1843 the Supreme Council of the 33° of France chartered the Lodge "*Le Progres de L'Oceanie*," at Honolulu, in the Hawaiian Islands, and on May 5, 1852, and October 18, 1873, the Grand Lodge of California chartered "*Hawaiian*, No. 21," at Honolulu, and "*Maui*, No. 223," at Wailaku, Hawaiian Islands, and there is no conflict, but fraternal, amicable joint occupancy of that field, which is still open to the Grand Lodges of any other jurisdiction.

The law governing the Blue Masonry is the one also under which Colorado

subordinate Councils presumed to act. The General Grand Council never gave notice to the Independent Grand Councils that it claimed exclusive jurisdiction; and if it had, then a protest would have come first from Illinois, which had previously planted a Council in that unoccupied territory, which would have been followed by others, and there would have soon been joint occupation in all reasonable probability.

The mistake that the subordinate Councils made was that they had not surrendered their charters to the General Grand Council first and obtained charters from one or more Independent Grand Councils before attempting to organize a Grand Council on charters from the General Grand Council. There is only one way to prevent a hive of bees from swarming when it gets ready, and that is to destroy the young queen's cells, and then, and then only, will they remain in the hive with the old queen; and when that is done they will, as soon as the last of the bees are hatched, pitch in and sting the drones to death, who encumber the hive, eat up the honey and pollen, and do no work whatever.

Our Colorado Companions wanted to swarm; the General Grand Master, like the queen, attempted to kill the young rival queen, or new Grand Master of Colorado, and that swarm went off among the Rocky Mountains and set up a hive on their own account, where they are now at work. If the smell of the old hive leaves them they will never return to it, and it is better to let them work and gather the honey dew or manna as it falls upon the rocks, rather than to attempt to force them back into the old hive they have voluntarily left.

There is no senate in Masonic legislative government proper. It is composed of the Officers elected by the body of the Craft to represent them direct, and where the power should remain. These officers and representatives have self-constituted themselves into a senate in effect by transferring or delegating their representative power to higher authority created by themselves in the organizing of a General Grand Council without the ratifying consent of their constituency, who have not been consulted in the matter. There has been no *referendum* submitted to the subordinate Councils anywhere for their action.

It is a mighty good thing that there is a good balance-wheel in having only State Grand Lodges of Freemasonry to teach the principles of liberty, equality and fraternity, or matters would get so bad that there would be a general revolution in Masonic government, and representation would be demanded in proportion to the number of membership.

Colorado will retire on Pike's Peak and take observations.

M.·. I.·. Hugh R. Chaplin was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Companion Stephen Berry re-elected Grand Recorder. *Ill.·.* Companion Albro E. Chase was reappointed Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

MASSACHUSETTS.

1896.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts was held in Masonic Hall, No. 18 Boylston street, Boston, on Wednesday, December 9, A. D. 1896, Anno Dep. 2896.

M.·. Ill.·. J. ALBERT BLAKE, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twenty-five subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 5264, being a gain of 566 affiliated and re-instated, from which is to be deducted a loss of 100 by death, 71 by dimission and 67 by suspension, leaving a net gain of 908 during the past year or nearly 21 per cent. Well done for the "Old Bay State." The Companions who have wrought this good work certainly deserve a rich reward. Twenty-two Councils were represented.

The portrait of Grand Master BLAKE adorns the front page of the proceedings. He has an intelligent, wide awake countenance, and it bears the stamp of great executive ability, and he very much resembles in appearance and character our *Ill.·.* Bro. THEODORE H. GOODMAN, 33°, the General Passenger Agent of the Southern and Central Pacific Railroad Companies, and Past Grand Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Consistory of California.

His Address covers five pages of solid matter, and in his report of official work performed, it shows that he has been active in the discharge of his duties, and has strictly attended to the business of his own jurisdiction of Massachusetts. He makes no reference whatever to any other Grand Council either General or State. Discusses no questions either *pro* or *contra*, and evidently is determined not to touch the opposite poles of Indiana or Illinois in the Colorado imbroglio. His administration shows that he is a model Grand Master, the pride of the craft in his jurisdiction and an honor to the "Old Bay State" that gave us birth, and towards which we have the strongest filial regard, as we also have for *Columbian* Lodge, our Masonic mother of forty-three years ago, when on the 6th day of June, 1854, during a visit to our old Boston home, *W.·.* Bro. JOHN T. HEARD raised us to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the Old Temple, and we are the only survivor of all who belonged to that Lodge at that time. But this is a digression.

The Grand Master congratulates the Grand Council upon the condition of the Rite and in speaking of his visitations says:

"Again has every Council in the State been officially visited and inspected, their charters, records and by-Laws examined, and exemplifications of the work witnessed. It has been my earnest endeavor to impress upon every Council the absolute necessity of conforming to the requirements of the ritual as given by the Grand Council; and while there may have been some infringements of certain portions of the ritual in a few Councils where the Thrice Illustrious Masters lacked the moral courage to perform their sworn duty, at the same time I am confident that in the main the work has been rendered properly and conscientiously, and that in the near future the leaven of true appreciation of the lessons taught by the ritual of Cryptic

Masonry will pervade every Council, and that all objectionable features will have been eliminated from the rendering of the Cryptic Degrees; and my thanks are due to the Thrice Illustrious Masters for their ready response to the appeal made to them in my address of last year as is evidenced by the large increase in membership as shown by the report of the Grand Recorder. The cordiality of the receptions of the Grand Officers, attests to the spirit of loyalty which pervades the Subordinate Councils, and calls for the expression of our warmest regards. In this duty of Official Visitations I have been ably assisted by Illustrious Companion WALTER F. MEDDING, Deputy Grand Master, and Illustrious Companion JAMES TAYLOR, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; and I desire to extend to them my thanks for their efforts, not only for their personal support, but in behalf of the Grand Council whom they have so devotedly served; and in this expression of thanks I wish to include Illustrious Companion LEROY J. FRENCH, Grand Master of Ceremonies, and to assure him that his devoted services have been appreciated. It can also be said that the visitations have been generously attended, and in several instances notably so. The visiting officers have been accompanied by a numerous suite, and these official visits have been occasions of Masonic joyousness that will be long remembered by the participants; and it is safe to say that in this jurisdiction the Cryptic Degrees are rapidly assuming their proper place in the Masonic world—a position which a few years ago would hardly have been conceded as possible."

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address justly paid him the following deserved compliment:

"We note with pleasure the large increase in membership, the very substantial gain in our finances, and the general prosperity of the Cryptic Rite throughout the jurisdiction. And in tendering our congratulations upon the almost unprecedented success which has attended his administration, we feel that the sincere thanks of this Grand Body should be extended to him for his very efficient and faithful services as its official head."

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.*. Companion SERANUS BOWEN, and covers forty-two pages of generally good matter excepting in some quotations, which have the odor of the low grounds of Chicago, and the malarious exhalations of the region of the Wabash. We were born and reared in healthier portions of the country, near the salt sea waves, where the ocean breezes are fresh, and the invigorating mountain air fills the lungs with the purest oxygen, and the malarious dyspepsia and foul odors are unknown.

Comp. BOWEN gives a page and a quarter to California. He quotes from Comp. CASWELL'S, our Grand Recorder, report, and pays a high tribute of praise and quotes liberally from Grand Master GILLETTE'S Address, which is deserved. He says of our report: "It is bright and interesting all through," for which we doff our tile. He differs in opinion in this respect from the would-be interpolator of a new "Perfect Master's Degree," who would foist a new-fangled production of his own "*Genesis*" upon the Cryptic Rite, which fortunately was in nowise a specimen of work found worthy and authorized to be received as a parasite and innovation upon our beautiful work of the regular Council degrees.

Comp. BOWEN makes no direct reference to the troubles in Colorado, and is apparently willing to let them settle themselves. Massachusetts is good

enough for him, and he is right. The high contracting powers of the General Grand Council and the Grand Council of Colorado are sufficiently able to deal with the matter themselves. If there had been no intruding and intermeddling "Companion of Illinois" to instigate the difficulty, and such a genial companion as SERANUS BOWEN had filled the chair in the southwest corner instead of the bilious companion of Indiana, who occupies it, and gave cause for trouble, all would now be *Serenus* and *Seranus*, as it is in Massachusetts. But there will come a change for the better in time and a healthier atmosphere will pervade the Grand Secret Vault and a purer spirit of truth and fraternity prevail than there does now. But we must pass on, with good wishes for continued prosperity and success in Massachusetts Cryptic Masonry.

M.·. I.·. SAMUEL G. LYMAN was elected Grand Master and Comp. SERANUS BOWEN re-elected Grand Recorder, who was also reappointed Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

MICHIGAN.

1896.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan assembled at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of Detroit, on Monday, January 20, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896, at 7:30 o'clock city time.

M.·. I.·. GEORGE A. CROSS, Grand Master, presiding, and *M.·. I.·.* GARRA B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

All the Grand Officers besides *seventeen* Past Grand Masters were present.

There are *sixty-four* Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 4006, being a net gain of 256, or about seven per cent. during the past year. Fifty-three Councils were represented.

The Address of Grand Master CROSS is a gem in its way and covers twenty-three pages, from which we take the following extracts:—

"Companions: Upon our first application for light in Masonry we were taught by certain symbols and emblems; among their number was that of the hour-glass. 'Behold how swiftly the sands run! We cannot, without astonishment, behold the little particles which are contained in this machine, how they pass away almost imperceptibly, and yet, to our surprise, in the short space of an hour they are all exhausted.' Days, weeks, and months have passed since last we met in annual assembly in this beautiful City of the Straits, and yet time has passed almost as imperceptibly as the sands contained in the hour-glass, and we find ourselves standing upon the threshold of another year.

"The year has also been fraught with severe depressions in business and financial affairs throughout the land. Nearly every public and private enterprise has been shaken to its foundation, and every branch of business has suffered from its blighting effects. Notwithstanding all this, Cryptic Masonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction has advanced in the past year with greater strides than ever before in a single year within the history of this Grand Body. From nearly every Subordinate Council we hear words of good cheer. The Craftsmen who have been laboring in the secret vault have been striving hard to perfect themselves so that their work shall meet with your approval. And here let me say to the Thrice Illustrious Masters, with all due respect and kindness, that the success of the Councils under

your care and supervision depends almost wholly upon yourselves. A thorough and perfect knowledge of the Ritual adopted by this Grand Council will enable you to do the work in a more creditable and impressive manner, and thereby create greater interest among your members and a more general attendance at your meetings."

He gives eight pages to the Colorado difficulties, and not only sustains the action of the Subordinate Councils in that State in the organization of that Grand Council, but goes further and says :—

"Companions, this matter is now in your hands and I trust you will give it that candid and thoughtful consideration which it seems to demand. As your Grand Master I have no recommendation to offer, but personally I would say that while we seek no quarrel with the General Grand Council, neither should we sit supinely down and allow an injustice to be done to our Companions in the State of Colorado without raising our voices in protest in their behalf, and if in your judgment they had a right to and have proceeded legally in the organization of an Independent Grand Council in that State let us not hesitate in extending to them our friendly greeting in recognizing them as such and welcome them to the sisterhood of Grand Councils."

The Committee on Jurisprudence preferred to wait until action is taken by the General Grand Council, before considering the recognition of the Grand Council of Colorado.

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE, and he is as NOBLE as was Bro. GARIBALDI, the great Italian patriot and Past Grand Master of Masons of Italy. It covers fifty-eight pages. He gives a page and a half to California, which receives a friendly treatment at his hands, and so genial is he that not a single member of the reportorial corps can demur to a single sentence therein contained. There is no miasma or malaria about Detroit, the "City of the Straits." The waters of Lakes Superior, Michigan, and Huron pour their clear streams in one great volume past its threshold into the bosom of Lake Erie, which nurses the commerce of these inland fresh water seas, and does its co-operative laundry business with Canada over the big washboard of Niagara.

At Detroit is our beloved Comp. JOHN H. BROWNELL, the publisher of that jewel of a Masonic journal, the *American Tyler*, and the gleam of his shining blade flashes the light like the heliograph signals from the mountain tops giving warnings of approaching danger.

Success to the Grand Council of Michigan, though the Companions of that State are called "*Wolverines*," yet the arms of that beautiful State show that they are *two deer*, and to consider them as "*varmints*" would be out of place, for they are too remote from the low lands bordering the southwestern shore of Lake Michigan.

M.·. P.·. GEORGE P. MCMAHON was elected Grand Master and *P.·. M.·. I.·. G.·. M.·.* GARRA B. NOBLE re-elected Grand Recorder and and re-appointed Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

MINNESOTA.

1896.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota held its twenty-seventh Annual Assembly in the Masonic Temple in the city of St. Paul, on Monday, October 12, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896, commencing at two o'clock P. M.

M.·. I.·. ALONZO BRANDENBURG, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. I.·.* Companion THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are nine subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 734, a loss of 39 from the number of the previous year. All of the Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's Address covers a little more than four pages, and it shows the work of a painstaking and faithful officer, as his portrait on the front page indicates him to be. He visited every Council in his jurisdiction, "which has required considerable time, the Councils being so great a distance apart." The House of Brandenburg is not confined to the kingdom of Prussia alone; and in "Cryptic Masonry" ALONZO the First is equal to FREDERICK the Great, the Great Mason of Prussia, as well to whom is attributed the authorship of the Constitutions of the A. and A. S. Rite, from which as a lateral issue are the degrees of Royal and Select Masters. The old family motto of the House of Brandenburg, which, from its humble origin, rose to the highest eminence—that at the head of the present German Empire—chose that which expressed its rise, in the sentence of the motto and the badge which it adopted of *Salix Nonis Tengu*. *Salix* the *Willow; Nonis*, nonentity or nothing *Tengu*, *Tener*, or in Spanish *Tengo*, to have, to possess. Meaning that the Brandenburg House, springing from a branch of the human family as humble as the lowly willow, or from comparatively nothing, it had risen to power and the wealth which it then possessed, as it came to him, FREDERICK the Great; and the *Willow* was accordingly adopted as the badge or plant of the House of Brandenburg, which, in the person of ALONZO the First, has been made Most Illustrious Royal and Select.

We expect he will Minne-ha-ha at this information given him, if he did not know it before.

The Report on Correspondence is from that genial Companion, THOMAS MONTGOMERY, and covers a little more than twenty-six pages. He gives two and a half to California, which is a generous share. He concurs in our opinion in regard to Colorado, as expressed last year. He pays a compliment to the Address of Past Grand Master GILLETTE, and quotes from Grand Recorder CASWELL'S report, and says: "The Grand Recorder explains the cause of their great loss, and the same remarks will no doubt explain our own loss this year."

We are sorry to be compelled to make this report short, as the printing fund is limited, so as the Grand Council of Minnesota made its presence and will known at St. Paul, and as if adopting his language in closing it as follows:—

"But that ye should do that which is honest. For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. For we are glad when we are weak and ye are strong; and this also we wish, even your perfection. Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect; be of good comfort; be of one mind; live in peace; and the GOD of love and peace be with you."

M.·. I.·. JOHN H. RANDALL was elected Grand Master and *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS MONTGOMERY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

1896.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri held its thirty-first Annual Assembly in Imperial Club Hall, Springfield, on Wednesday, April 22, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896, at 2 o'clock P. M., *M.·. I.·.* FRED. A. KAGE, presiding, and *R.·. I.·.* Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are ten subordinate Councils, with a membership of 704 in this jurisdiction, all of whom were represented.

The proceedings are adorned on the first page with the likeness of Grand Master KAGE, who evidently has "an attentive ear" and a sober, earnest, thoughtful countenance befitting a District Judge listening to argument in chambers on appeal. He delivered a model address of about seventy lines in sixteen paragraphs, covering two pages. It is *multum in parvo* and worthy of PARVIN. There is no egotism, puffed up vanity, or manifestation of the least arbitrary use of power in his report of his official actions during his term as Grand Master, and authority and honors appear to rest easily on his shoulders. There is a fine bird in that open KAGE, and we do not think he was caught in a trap.

We concur fully in the following report of the committee on his address, which was unanimously adopted:—

"COMPANIONS:—Your commitee to whom was referred the Address of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master beg leave to report:—

"We are in cordial sympathy with our Grand Master in his expressions of thanksgiving to the Supreme Grand Master, that our individual lives have been preserved and crowned with success.

"We recommend that a page be set apart to the memory of *M.·. I.·.* Comp. JOHN A. DOLMAN, and that *M.·. I.·.* Comp. JOSEPH S. BROWNE be requested to prepare a memorial notice for publication in the proceedings.

"We congratulate the Royal and Select Masters of Missouri upon the wise, efficient and successful administration of the *M.·. I.·. G.·. M.·.*, and lift our hands to GOD, that peace and prosperity may attend him in all his future.

"We rejoice in the success that has attended the Royal Craft during the year, and agree with the *M.·. I.·. G.·. M.·.* that a proper presentation of the claims and merits of our beautiful degrees would result in a large addition to our members.

"We approve the granting of dispensations by the *M.·. I.·. G.·. M.·.*, and the appointment of Grand Representatives, and we are assured that in every official act the law has been carefully observed.

"We commend the zeal and energy of the administration now ending, and trust that all may go forth with new and stronger purposes to labor with un-

flagging zeal for the completion of our Mystic Arch ere we are called to another land on the other side of the dark river.

"Fraternally,

"JOHN R. PARSON,
"For the Committee."

The proceedings of this Grand Council are further adorned by the likeness of their late Past Grand Master ANTHONY O'SULLIVAN, accompanied by a biographical sketch and Masonic record, with one of the finest panegyrics and eulogies that we have ever read, and the Companion who delivered it or wrought this splendid piece of work certainly stands at the head in the front rank of the Knights of Eloquence and deserved his reward. We give the following extract from it:—

"Having entered behind the sacred veils that enshrined the mysteries of Freemasonry, he set at once to the work of becoming a master of its rituals. He was not satisfied with the mere drapery of words that surrounded it, but penetrated into the deep reasoning of the great heart of Masonry; he studied its past—back to the farthest memory and records of man; he compared the work of localities with the great framework of the Continent and of Europe; he analyzed word by word, sentence by sentence, through every degree, from the petition of the Initiate, up to the last step of the finished Mason. He was one of those men who could be satisfied with nothing less than perfection as far as the human mind could carry him. His great and grandest pride was the Grand Lodge of Missouri; his ambition was to see her second to no other jurisdiction in the universe in the perfection of her work. He traveled from the Lakes to the Gulf, and from the Mississippi to the Atlantic in search of every ray of light that had not yet penetrated his own Masonic home, and, with a most remarkable memory, he lost nothing he acquired; but by the force of analogy and his own strong mind he brought order out of chaos, and at the sacrifice of health and comfort, ease and profit, he visited every corner of our Commonwealth, and there relit the pure fires of rational Masonry upon the altar of every Lodge."

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.*. Comp. WM. H. MAYO and covers twenty-nine pages, giving to California two, quoting liberally from our report of 1895. His conclusion is so good that we copy the whole of it. He does not live in the swamps of the malarious Wabash, but at the confluence of two of the mightiest rivers of the American Continent, the Missouri and the Mississippi. Hear ye him.

"CONCLUSION.

"We have received and reviewed the printed proceedings of twenty-six Grand Jurisdictions for the year 1895, the only year under consideration. Some of the Grand Councils do not publish their proceedings every year; such we miss from our list.

"We notice a marked improvement in the addresses, proceedings pamphlets, and general tone of reports. One distinctive and very commendable feature that marks many of the pamphlets before us is the publishing of half-tone or steel engraved portraits of their presiding and past presiding Grand Officers. It is to be regretted that these are not always accompanied with biographical sketches, as that makes the publication more valuable and interesting.

"Peace and prosperity seem to be abroad in the land. The only thing that has caused any difference of opinion worthy of note, is the question as to the legitimacy of the organization of the Grand Council in Colorado. In

order to give our readers sufficient matter to understand the situation, we have quoted quite liberally from the proceedings of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, and some extracts from other States, which we ask our readers to study well before making up their minds; and for ourselves, we would say that our Companions in that State should have and doubtless will have a Grand Council that will be on terms of amity and good fellowship with the rest of the Cryptic world. They may have been ill-advised at the start, and perhaps badly treated as they proceeded, but we do not think they intentionally and wilfully did a wrong, and we further believe that with a little conservative action, cool level-headed thought, and true Masonic spirit all things will be made right.

" Fraternally, WM. H. MAYO, Correspondent."

M.·. Ill.·. EMANUEL F. HARTZELL was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. WM. H. MAYO re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

1896.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Mississippi held its Forty-first Annual Assembly in the hall of *Jackson* Council, No. 5, in the city of Jackson, Mississippi, commencing at 4 o'clock P. M., Tuesday, February 18, 1896.

M.·. I.·. FREDERIC SPEED, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. J. L. POWER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

All the Grand Officers were present.

There are eighteen Subordinate Councils, with a total membership of 434, in this jurisdiction, of which there were thirteen Councils represented.

Cryptic Masonry seems to be greatly improving in Mississippi.

The Grand Master's Address, in many respects, is an admirable one, and there are many fine thoughts in it beautifully expressed in eloquent terms, but they are neutralized, and the positive and negative are held in equilibrium. Adam made no progress until, by the so-called Cæsarian operation, he was relieved of the dual embodiment of himself and Eve. We do not consider that Freemasonry is and is to be composed of either eunuchs or hermaphrodites, but of *men*, "free born," and not only free born, but endowed with virile and manly energy and courage to maintain their freedom. We believe in the American Freemasonry of Warren, of Hancock, of Paul Revere, of Benjamin Franklin, of Peyton Randolph, of Washington, of the Masonic spirit of the American Revolution which gave us the Declaration of Independence to found this American Republic and a Constitution to preserve it after its independence was secured. And when this shall fail Fremasonry will prove to be but a rope of sand, and instead of the admonition, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you," and be found guarded by the Tiler's sword, there will be found upon the swinging door the words, "Push," or "Pull," and the intruder can put his trust in brass, and go in and out as he pleases, and need not care what designs are drawn upon the trestle-board, or whether he shall labor under the Master's direction or not. Freemasonry is not a Quaker society. It is a live, active, and not a passive organization. It requires and demands

a sworn oath, and no man is ever brought to Masonic light upon a mere affirmation. It is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah which prevails, by strength and courage, and which guards the portals of the Temple; and when assailed by that other, the thirteenth Lion of the Vatican, Leo XIII, and the whole menagerie at Rome, which, if unfortunately some of its cubs happen to stray and get lost in the Courts of the Temple, we should take good care that their teeth are pulled out and their claws trimmed so that they can do no harm. "No man can serve two masters," and Freemasonry does not entice or hold out inducement for desertion or encourage desertion that deserters may be harbored within its walls, nor admit spies who are free to come and go of their pleasure and reveal the secrets of Freemasonry or of Freemasons to their master outside of the Temple, the openly declared foe of Freemasonry. A declaration of war against Freemasonry by any sect, hierarchical or otherwise, is not religion or any part of religion. It is a conspiracy against free government and the rights of man, which Freemasons by their blood and treasure created and founded. By the Temple of Liberty which they constructed, the altars they have erected, and the corner-stones they have laid, beginning at the capitol at Washington, and the monument to the Father of our Country, to the most humble free public school house in the most remote corner of this American Republic, which have all been laid in defiance of the opposition of Rome, the Freemasons of this GOD-given and Heaven-preserved heritage, will defend the work of their trowels with their swords if it be rendered necessary, and they then in a stronger sense will practice outside of their lodge rooms the great patriotic and Masonic principles and lessons taught in them.

The masterly reply of that matchless scholar and Mason, the late ALBERT PIKE, to the encyclical letter of Pope LEO XIII, is another declaration of independence and defiance, far more reaching in its effects than that of 1776, for it defies the would-be tyrant and master of the conscience of the world.

But we must pass to other matter.

He approves the action of Colorado in organizing an independent Grand Council, in which he is sustained by the Grand Council of Mississippi, over which he presides. The logic of his reasoning is, that the General Grand Council lost or forfeited the territory it had acquired and occupied, by the subordinate Councils created by itself within it seceding therefrom, when by their own voluntary action, *per se*, they created an independent Grand Council. Thus holding that the General Grand Council was limited like that of an outside State. The constitution of the General Grand Council, like that of the National Government, does not provide for its own dismemberment or loss of its territory, for that would be suicide. This double Grand Council business is what causes the friction. They should be denominated State Councils and National Council, and and adjust themselves in harmony with the same motive power and gearing.

But we will pass on and let the *Speed* regulate itself, it having *Power* to run itself.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. I.·. FREDERIC SPEED was re-elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. J. L. POWER re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

1896.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Hampshire held its thirty-fifth Annual Assembly in Freemasons' Hall, in the city of Concord, on Monday, May 18th, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896.

M.·. I.·. NATHAN P. HUNT, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. I.·.* Companion GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are eleven Councils in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 1,416 on the roll, being an increase of twenty-two during the previous year. Only seven Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's Address covers five pages, and is pleasant and fraternal in character. His labors have not been arduous, being shared by the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, each of whose reports cover a page.

The portrait of Past Grand Master CHARLES A. TUFTS, of 1864–5, adorns the first page, and shows him to be "a fine old New Hampshire gentleman, of the real old stock." The half tone photo picture is also given of a beautiful Past Grand Master, adopted May 18th, 1896, is also given a page in the proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Companion GEORGE P. CLEAVES, covering thirty-two pages, of which California gets half a page. In his conclusion he says:--

"We have not been called upon to make any comment on the action of the Companions organizing a Grand Council in Colorado, and declaring themselves independent of the General Grand Council, thinking it better to wait for the action of that body in the matter."

M.·. I.·. STEPHEN S. JEWETT was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. I.·.* Companion GEORGE P. CLEAVES elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

1896.

The *M.·. P.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York held its eighty-seventh Annual Assembly in the Grand Council room, Masonic Hall, corner of Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street, in the city of New York, on Tuesday, September 1, 1896, Anno Dep. 2896, at ten o'clock A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN F. BALDWIN, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Companion GEORGE VAN VLIET, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twenty-nine subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 3,931, the net increase of the previous year being 180, or nearly five per cent. Twenty-two Councils were represented.

Twenty-six Grand Councils were represented, including California by *Ill.·.* Companion THEO. M. BARBER.

M.·. P.·. JOHN W. COBURN, the present General Grand Master, and *M.·. P.·.* GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, a Past General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States, were received with the honors due their stations, and welcomed to this Annual Assembly.

The Address of the Grand Master is not only a thorough, complete, and business-like document, but beautiful, eloquent and sublime in its utterances, in its conclusion with expressions of profound fraternal gratitude to his Illustrious Companions of that Grand Secret Vault, from which we take the following extracts:—

"One-third of a century—how long it seems—longer than the average of human life—but how few and short the years when past! What mysteries of thought, what unfolding of the secrets of nature, what achievements in science and mechanics! How blind eyes have been almost made to see; deaf ears to hear, and the dumb to think and speak! All these marvels, and more than we can now tell, have been added for man's betterment since first we met in this Grand Council with some who are yet active with us here. Well may we exclaim in wonder and admiration 'Great and marvelous are thy works, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!' *and the treasures of the Crypt are not yet exhausted.*

"To the Officers and Illustrious Companions of this Grand Council, I make grateful acknowledgment for the uniform kindness and consideration; and am quite sure that you will join with me in giving unreserved praise to one whom we all love, who has been a staff to every Grand Master for twenty-two years—the faithful, diligent Grand Recorder, *R.·. I.·.* GEORGE VAN VLIET.

"Illustrious Companions—A year ago, when you put upon me the distinguished honor of *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, it was with some misgivings that the office and responsibilities were accepted; and now, as the year is about closed which ends the term, my heartiest thanks and assurance of unalloyed esteem I gladly express to you for the title with which you then invested me. Illustrious Companions, I thank you.

"The Report of your Grand Master is finished. May the LORD bless the work of this Grand Council upon which we now enter."

The first page is adorned with a fine steel engraving of a thoughtful, reflecting and intelligent appearing gentleman, with a lofty forehead and pleasant countenance which confirms all the good words spoken of him by the Grand Master in his Address. This fine portrait is the likeness of *R.·.I.·.* Companion GEORGE VAN VLIET, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New York, an ornament to Free Masonry in general and to the Cryptic Rite in particular.

The Report on Correspondence is by that able, square-dealing and just *M.·. P.·.* Companion GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, his last name being the abbreviation of an exclamation of approbation, "*Oh, such a good boy!*" Which his mother no doubt frequently used to say, and in which we heartily concur. His report covers seventy-two pages of finely printed matter, with liberal quotations and comments thereon. He gives four pages to California in a most fraternal manner, and heartily approves the story we related last year to illustrate the situation existing in Colorado.

The General Grand Master being from New York, and who has exercised the powers of the General Grand Council *ad interim*, it will not be consid-

ered out of place to consider briefly the *status* between himself and the Grand Council of Colorado, which is a Grand Council *de facto* if not *de jure*. We hold to the same opinion as expressed in our report of last year, and so fully quoted by Companion Osgoodby in his report for 1896. In our review of Maine he will find it generally set forth. Independent Grand Councils being sovereign within their own jurisdictions in the exercise of their powers may exercise their rights of recognizing the Grand Council of Colorado as one of themselves, upon taking an advantage of a technicality in the Constitution of the General Grand Council, not expressly delegating its supreme authority to the General Grand Master over subordinates during the interim between its sessions. Such recognition in effect is an act of unfriendliness to the General Grand Council, which if it occurred in international affairs there would be a withdrawal of representatives of government warranted by such unfriendliness. If the general Grand Council should require the several Grand Councils of its jurisdiction to withdraw their representatives and interdict intercourse between its own subordinates and those of independent Grand Councils, the latter would have no reasonable right to complain, and they should have withdrawn their own at the same time of recognizing the Grand Council of Colorado, to have been consistent.

The General Grand Council is unfortunate that there are so many Grand Councils who bear no allegiance to it, and while it claims to be "General" in name, yet it is not so in fact, nor is it national, which it ought to be, to enforce its decrees; yet in principle it is the same, so far as its subordinates are concerned, either in subordinate Councils created by it or their members. We think the principle is wrong, that either the General Grand Council or the General Grand Master should have the sole power *within a State*, to say that the subordinate Councils of a sufficient number to organize a State Grand Council, cannot organize without previous consent. It destroys the principle of self government, upon which all true Freemasonry rests, and when such superimposed power is pushed forward and made to be arbitrarily exercised, it will naturally beget resistance, and insubordination is the result, as appears to be the case in the Colorado imbroglio. Freemasonry has the base of its pyramid on the ground and not in the air. The four Lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of England, reserved their separate rights and privileges as before, and they created the Grand Lodge of England and were not created by it, and no matter what the form may be, the same spirit of liberty must be maintained or there is no Freemasonry, and the "Mystic Tie" of fraternity and brotherhood would be changed into a steel wire of tyranny, converting brethren into abject slaves, to obey the will and *dictum* of a despot, which no free American citizen would submit to.

We believe in respect and due obedience to all constitutional authority, and at the same time, to command that respect and obedience, the law must be felt mutually, by those who govern as well as those who are to obey. Let a commanding officer observe the least breach of military etiquette on the part of an officer inferior in rank to himself, and not return the salute of an humble private soldier, who is entitled to receive it, and the offending officer

will have a censure, reprimand, or court martial on his hands at once. How much more is it necessary between those in authority in Masonry, to be condescending, calm, and considerate to those who may be provoked into error, before invoking the extreme power and attempted enforcement of authority, as seems to be the case in this Colorado affair. If the General Grand Master had occupied the office of General Grand Recorder, instead of the present incumbent, we are satisfied that this unfortunate trouble would never have occurred.

It is evident that there was offensive assumption of authority and contemptuous indifference to the wishes of the Colorado Companions on the part of that officer, and he deliberately states that which is untrue, either knowingly or in ignorance, and such statement or misrepresentation may have influenced the General Grand Master, and biased his judgment in the action which in the extreme he lawfully took, and which should have been the last to be exercised instead of the first.

The General Grand Recorder states:—

"Of course, none of the prominent Masons of Colorado have been concerned in or countenanced the companions in their unlawful undertaking."

Now this statement is not true, and to have made it shows either the uttermost inexcusable ignorance on his part, or it was deliberately made with *mal prepense* and aforethought, and he knew what he was about; and in proof of this assertion we give the following names of as distinguished Masons, upright gentlemen, and as honorable men as can be found on earth, and who will never submit to the crack of a whip. The following are Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Colorado: BYRON L. CARR, 32°; LAURENCE N. GREENLEAF, 33°; WILLIAM T. BRIDWELL, 32°; JAMES H. PEABODY, 32°; E. L. N. FOSTER, 32°; JETHRO C. SANFORD, 32°; WILLIAM D. PIERCE, 32°; and CROMWELL TUCKER, Deputy Grand Master. EDWARD C. PARMELEE, 33°, Grand Secretary, and EUGENE GRISSOM, 33°, who are not eminent alone in Grand Lodge administration, but also in Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, and in the A. and A. S. Rite. They have been the presiding officers, Commanders and Grand Commanders in all of these bodies, and they and their associate Companions and brethren are the peers of any Masons in the world. We know many of them personally, been their guest in their homes, and received the fullest consideration and welcome hospitality that could possibly be extended to any one, and we know that if the apothecary of the Wabash were to visit Denver and take a course of lectures in Rocky Mountain Masonry and breathe another atmosphere than he does he would "throw physic to the dogs." There would be no more gall-stones to pass through his liver, and his unhealthy bilious temperament would evaporate by a trip to Pike's Peak, and if there is underneath the surface a frame and a constitution fit to build upon, it would make another man of him.

The illegal action but just resentment of the Colorado Companions is against the Secretary-General, "the power behind the throne," who has

wielded it in unfraternal spirit and in an unmasonic manner, as it seems to be represented; and to rid themselves of this arbitrary despotic spirit thus manifested from that quarter, they gave themselves the benefit of a doubt as to the powers of the General Grand Master, not expressed in the Constitution, and assumed the right to form a Grand Council on the same basis and plan as in the organization of a Grand Lodge, which has been the rule of the Craft for one hundred and eighty years, since the first Grand Lodge was organized on June 24, 1717. The Grand Lodge was created for the convenience and advantage of the Craft, and not the subordinates for the Grand Lodge's special benefit. Masonry is built from the ground up, and is not a New Jerusalem ready made, to be lowered down with balloon suspension from the ethereal vault above. The atmosphere is too heavy in the subterranean passageway to inflate balloons in the secret vault of the Ninth Arch. A collapse is sure to follow when self-inflation manifests itself, and our Colorado Companions were right in spirit, but wrong in method of procedure, not willing to be near when an explosion or puncture should take place. They are now a Grand Council by themselves, and by some Grand Councils have received recognition as the representative body of a State. Without dissolution and as a judicious compromise, let the General Grand Council take them in as they are, and not attempt to humiliate the State of Colorado by technical requirements, or the spirit of fraternity will be lost if they do not lose the State altogether and rend the brotherhood in that part of its jurisdiction. This is our opinion of this Colorado affair.

M.·. I.·. JOHN F. BALDWIN was re-elected Grand Master, and *R.·. I.·.* Comp. GEORGE VAN VLIET re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

1896.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio held its sixty-sixth Annual Assembly in the I. O. O. F. Hall at Sandusky, Ohio, on October 6, 1896, at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN S. WHITE, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are fifty-one Councils in this jurisdiction (of Scottish Rite origin as per *Ill.·.* Comp. JOHN D. CALDWELL'S History of the Cryptic Rite in the "Buckeye State,") with a membership now of 4222, being an increase over the previous year of 237.

The Address of the Grand Master covers seven and a half pages, which was an official report of the transactions in the usual routine of his office.

"On motion of Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, the address of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master JOHN S. WHITE was referred to the special committee on *Topical References*." This committee being composed of S. STACKER WILLIAMS, ELMER P. WILLIAMS, and NELSON WILLIAMS.

We have put in all the names of this committee to whom it was referred, copying from the record. This WILLIAMS family apparently are the chief managers and directors of the Grand Council of Ohio, which ought to be

called the "WILLIAMS GRAND COUNCIL, for it is such *de facto* in reality, which shapes its legislation, is behind the executive, and uses it for the WILLIAMS interest and to accomplish the plans designed, conceived by the WILLIAMS in chief and supported by the WILLIAMS clan.

We are reminded by these circumstances of what once occurred in a regiment of volunteers during the late civil war. This regiment was composed entirely of Scotchmen. A gentleman went to the Colonel, a braw old Scotchman, to enquire about a certain man in the regiment, who had enlisted to get out of the way and thus avoid paying his debts. He said to the Colonel: "I want to find a man in your regiment by the name of MCPHERSON?" The Colonel replied: "Over half of the regiment are MCPHEERSONS, sir!" The gentleman said: "I want to see SANDY MCPHERSON." The Colonel replied: "Two-thirds of them are SANDY MCPHEERSONS, sir!" The gentlemen then said: "But the SANDY MCPHERSON who I want to see is red headed." The Colonel replied: "The most of the MCPHEERSONS are red headed, sir!" The gentleman getting a little impatient, said: "But the SANDY MCPHERSON and red headed, who I want to see, *has got the itch!*" The Colonel then replied: "Allow me then to inform you, sir, THAT ALL OF THE MCPHEERSONS HAVE THE ITCH, SIR!"

This WILLIAMS Grand Council, for it is nothing else, we are happy to say that we are no longer its Representative. It decides matters *ex parte* and without a hearing.

There is a legend that in one of the mountainous portions of Germany a Temple of Justice was erected on a high eminence and over its portals were placed the following lines to be read by everybody:—

> "One man's word is no man's word,
> Justice demands that both be heard."

No such sentiments pervade the WILLIAMS Grand Council, it having espoused the cause of the WARVELLE. Ohio is welcome to the *protege* who finds fault with *Ill.*. Comp. SERANUS BOWEN of Massachusetts who quotes from our reports, and this paragon of Masonic excellence and propriety, the WARVELLE, raises the question with BOWEN "as to the propriety of reprinting the *yawp* of the sand lots when the aforesaid '*yawp*' is aimed at a man whom two continents delight to honor." DRUMMOND may be proud of so excellent a defender, whom he has so mercilessly scored, and the WILLIAMS family are welcome to receive such a companion into their bosom. "Yawps" are not even to be found on the dry sand lots of San Francisco; and the Chicago WARVELLE will find his amphibious companions of the genus *Rana* nearer his meadowy home.

It is said that the Sultans of Turkey have for centuries been endeavoring to destroy the scent of musk from the walls of the Mosque of St. Sophia at Constantinople, but without effect; and it is true that there is Hoosier malaria in the General Grand Council (and that of Indiana) which can be remedied by healthy breezes and drainage in time; but it would be utterly hopeless to produce a change for the better were Illinois (as now composed)

one of its constituents, and we can rejoice that it, of its own motion, is resolved to stay out. It has seduced Colorado into illicit intercourse, and there is not asafœtida enough in the drug store of the Indiana apothecary to counteract the effects of the WARVELLE'S musk, which follows the chord of the bended trench, or *bow ditch*, whose course has thrown the nine arches of Colorado Cryptic Masonry out of line.

OII form but a decimal fraction, while IIO may stand for 110; but when placed with WILLIAMS as the point in the center of the circle with WARVELLE and MORDHURST as the two parallel lines, 101 for Indiana, Ohio and Illinois, the figure cannot be substituted for the Masonic symbol with the two Saints John; but becomes a self-constructed target which invites the shots of the arrows of Truth.

But we must pass on to the "Keystone State."

M.·. Ill.·. ARTHUR P. CRANE was elected Grand Master. It is a common proverb that "a goose once saved Rome." Let us hope that A. P. CRANE may yet save the Grand Council of Ohio, and next year turn it over in better condition to the Romans, *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JOHN B. ROMANS, Deputy Grand Master being the next in line. Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS was re-elected *R.·. Ill.·.* Grand Recorder.

OREGON.

1896.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Oregon held its eleventh Annual Assembly, in Masonic Hall, at East Portland, Oregon, on April 1st, 1896, at ten o'clock A. M.

The *Ill.·.* THOMAS M. HURLBURT, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Companion SETH L. POPE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are only three subordinate Councils in Oregon, with a membership of 189, being a gain of *only five* during the past year. Two of these Councils were entirely represented by proxy.

All the Grand Officers were present.

The Grand Master's Address was a brief document, and business was dispatched like that of a busy cashier of a bank over a counter. He in the same style disposed of the subject matter in relation to Colorado; sustains the edict of the General Grand Master in suspending from office the Masters of the subordinate Councils of the "Centennial State" for an attempt to set up a Grand Council for the State of Colorado without first obtaining the consent of the General Grand Master, and says:—

"This is a just and most effective way of handling insubordinates, and I am satisfied it will meet with full approval throughout the Rite."

It no doubt will by the Grand Councils forming the General Grand Council; but not with the twelve independent Grand Councils, who give their sympathy to the Colorado Companions who kicked at the start, and are not disposed to submit to the enforced wearing of the "Oregon boot." The Colorado Companions were provoked to go wrong, in which they were instigated by the evil counsel from Illinois; and having done so, are sympathized

with by the other independent Grand Councils, who have recognized and welcomed them into full fellowship as equals with them. Colorado is now beyond coercion, and only the wisest counsels and the most fraternal spirit with the olive branch extended, and not a whip of scorpions, will ever win them back. The General Grand Council had better order from Pennsylvania a large stock of Companion STEVENSON'S pies that are not *tarts*.

There was no Report on Correspondence, which was justifiable, considering the limited constituency and the state of their treasury.

The Grand Council were entertained at a dinner given by *Washington* Council, No. 3, where the proceedings report, "justice was done to the bountiful repast provided for them."

They must have had a *Delmonico* or *Maison Doreé* high toned dinner, and high eclesiastical guests present with them at refreshment and entertainment. The POPE and the BISHOP were there, and we notice they had BULLOCK and WOODCOCK on the bill of fare, with a good STOCK and WOOD on hand and still more in the GLENN. With such good living and companionship, that Grand Council, our nearest neighbor, ought to increase in Councils and membership, and report more than *five* as their increase the coming year.

The *Ill.·.* T. M. HURLBURT was re-elected Grand Master, and *R.·. I.·.* SETH L. POPE re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

1896.

The *M.·. P.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania held its fiftieth Annual Assembly at Masonic Hall, Allentown, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, February 12, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896.

M.·. P.·. WILLIAM T. CORSON, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. P.·.* JOSHUA L. LYTE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

All the Grand Officers were present. There are twenty-two Councils with a membership of 1,815, being a gain of forty-four during the past year. Fourteen Councils were represented.

There were two anniversaries commemorated on that date—the eighty-seventh anniversary of the birth of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, the "Martyr President," and the Semi-Centennial Anniversary or Assembly of that Grand Council.

The frontispiece of the proceedings for 1896 is the half tone print of the likeness of *M.·. P.·.* WILLIAM T. CORSON, Grand Master for the year 1895. He is a good looking, intelligent, and self-evidently a long-headed man; and, to have attained to such high exaltation as his high forehead seems to have warranted, he must have humbled himself greatly and stooped very low among the ancient broken arches of Solomon's Temple in ruins.

The Grand Master's Address commends itself most favorably as an exhibit of official duties conscientiously and faithfully performed by himself and the District Deputy Grand Masters under his supervision. Surely the keystones of the Nine Arches in the "Keystone State" are firmly set and cemented in their places, and we congratulate our Companions of that juris-

diction that there is no danger of their being suffocated by carbonic acid gas in the subterranean passageway, for the walls are dry, it is well ventilated, and there is an abundance of LYTE in the Grand Recorder's office in the Ninth Arch. Let there be continuous LYTE.

Concerning the Grand Council of Colorado, Grand Master CORSON says:—

"A year ago in the Grand Council, the Report of the Committee of Doings of Grand Officers was unanimously adopted, which included a resolution recognizing the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Colorado. This Grand Council has been declared clandestine by the General Grand Council of the United States. Exceptions have been taken to our action by the General Grand Recorder. There has not enough time elapsed since the Grand Council of Colorado has been organized for us to have received the action of many Grand Councils on this question.

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"While the Grand Council of Pennsylvania is not a member of the General Grand Council of the United States, we desire always to maintain the most friendly relations with that body as with all the independent Grand Councils; and, while we very much regret any trouble between any of the Grand Councils and the General Grand Council, still, from all the information we have been able to gather at this long range, we do not feel like withdrawing our recognition from the Grand Council of Colorado which we gave them a year ago.

"We trust that both the General Grand Council of the United States and the Grand Council of Colorado may show a more fraternal spirit to each other, and that the differences which now exist may be adjusted at an early day in some manner that will be satisfactory to both bodies."

The Report on Correspondence is by that genial Boniface, Companion JAMES E. STEVENSON, who still wants to feed us on pie. It covers ten pages of fine printed matter, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-six Councils and gives two inches to California out of the entire fifty-four inches of his report, which is a fair division, seeing that he has to cut his pie into such small pieces to go around, and we will not complain of the shortness of the crust. Before reviewing his review we have to call his attention to the triangular piece of pie on page 30 (though 30 is not printed), that it is not marked right. In the first place the letters are bottom upwards and the first letter is wrong, reading from the right properly. It should be corrected. It makes poor Hebrew, and is not the word it is intended to express. It is not such kind of pie that Masonic scholars can accept, but we do not suppose it came out of Companion STEVENSON'S oven. It certainly does not represent that on the Plate of Gold encrusted with gems and discovered in the Ninth Arch. The letters, bottom up, look like subsoil plows without the handles and beams attached. How he "will pass over the world, give but slight attention to the flesh, and pass on to California," we can only say that he must have the wings of Mercury on his heels, passed the turn of life in giving "but slight attention to the flesh," and his nether limbs well encased in leggings, while he takes the "Devil's Cut-off" to reach the "Golden State." We are of the opinion that the piece of his pie intended for us would be consumed on its way before reaching its intended destination. In passing through red Colorado's dust, for him to reach "Pike's Peak or

bust," we think his pastry would give out before reaching the Rockies. However, our Colorado Companions are jolly, whole-souled, liberal fellows, and as Pennsylvania has recognized their Grand Council, they will give him the free use of their oven to bake a new batch, and furnish him buffalo berries for the inner *stratum* of his pies.

The spirit in which he reviews the proceedings of other Grand Councils is of the right sort. It may be accounted for that perhaps he does not eat his own pastry, and that he, residing at Pittsburg, gets his "Old Monongahela" pure at its source.

In speaking of Companion CARLOVITZ of Florida he says :—

"He speaks of the Cryptic degrees as the 'Capstone of York Rite Masonry.' This will grieve Companion SHERMAN, who says they were stolen from the Scottish Rite."

To which we reply that we are not Grief sitting on a monument. We now only smile at such statements, for there is no such thing or series of degrees as the York Rite in existence worked anywhere. The so-called Ancient York Masons, which seceded from the Grand Lodge of England and set up for themselves, had no connection whatever with the General Assembly, or Grand Lodge of All England at York, whose name they appropriated without the least shadow of right or title. We are simply amused at the statement, that is all, Companion STEVENSON. The subterranean Nine Arches of the Cryptic Rite are not *Capstones*, though fitted with *keystones;* and they are not catacombs with crypts filled with statues or skeletons of the York Rite. If there are any remains of mortality there they are those of GALAHAD and his Companions of the Scottish Rite, who died at their posts clothed in their habiliments of Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Masons, defending the Sacred Vault and its treasures at the time of the destruction of the Temple.

But we have to postpone the dessert which Companion STEVENSON has set before us and proceed to the next.

M.·. P.·. HARVEY A. MCKILLIP was elected Grand Master, *R.·. P.·.* JOSHUA L. LYTE reëlected Grand Recorder.

Comp. JAMES E. STEVENSON, we are glad to note, was reappointed Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

TENNESSEE.

1897.

The forty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Tenneesee was held at Freemason's Hall, in the city of Nashville, on Monday, January 25th, A. D. 1897, Anno Dep. 2897.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN M. SEARS, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM A. CLENDENNING, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

All the Grand Officers were present.

There are eighteen subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 537, being a gain of 34 over the previous year. Twelve Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is a thorough business-like paper, showing faithful attention to the duties of his office in the supervision of the labors of the Secret Vault. A fine half tone print of the likeness of the Grand Master forms the frontispiece in the pages of the proceedings:—

We take the following from his Address:—

"GOD in his providence has permitted us to meet together in this our forty-seventh Annual Assembly, and it is with much pleasure that I see here assembled the friends and Companions with whom I have been so pleasantly associated for the past five years.

"In reviewing the events of the last year, I regret that my public duties were such as to prevent my visiting all of the Councils in this jurisdiction. As a substitute for these official visits, a circular letter was sent to all the Thrice Illustrious Masters, urging renewed efforts on their part to stimulate and build up their bodies.

Courteous replies were received from them, with assurances of their determination to do all in their power toward the upbuilding of Cryptic Masonry.

The notoble increase in the membership of the State, as shown by the Grand Recorder's report, indicate that these promises have been carried out.

Correspondence was also begun with the presiding officers of Royal Arch Chapters within whose jurisdiction there was no Council, resulting in the formation of two new Councils: *Troy*, 79, at Troy, Obion county, March 25; *Decaturville*, 80, at Decaturville, Decatur county, June 19.

"It was my privilege to be present at the formation of *Troy* Council, which started with fifteen members, headed by Comp. F. C. WATKINS, whose activity and zeal insures long life and prosperity to this Council.

"Since our last Assembly, death has again diminished our numbers. Past Most Illustrious Grand Master PITKIN C. WRIGHT died at his home in Somerville, September 14, after a brief illness. Almost the first intimation that all was not well with him, was a dispatch announcing his death. Accompanied by Comps. BACCHUS and WELLS, of *Eureka* Council, I assisted the Brethren of *Somerville* Lodge in paying the sad tribute of respect to our deceased Companion. The nature of his disease was such as required immediate burial of the remains, and the short notice received prevented many from assisting in paying the last honors to one who had been vested with authority among the Craft, and who was already ready to go out of his way to serve or assist a Brother.

"It would seem in keeping with the dignity of this Grand Body that its officers should be suitably clothed at its Annual Assembly. We should be just to ourselves before being generous, and I would recommend that the Grand Recorder procure a suitable set of aprons for the Grand Officers, of which he be the custodian, and that each Annual Assembly hereafter he procure one apron for the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, to be retained at the expiration of his term of office.

"I would also recommend that an appropriation of $50 be made for the traveling expenses of the incoming *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, to enable him to visit officially such Councils as would be benefited thereby, as it has been my experience that a visit from the official head of any organization has the effect of infusing new life into dormant bodies and increasing the interest in the work, attendance and membership of even the best working bodies.

"My thanks are due to our Grand Recorder for his hearty co-operation and assistance during my term of office.

"And now, Companions, having to the best of my ability fulfilled the duties intrusted to me, I surrender the trust, hoping ever, and praying always, that the same peace and harmony that has obtained in the past year may continue hereafter."

There was no report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. W. B. KINCANNON was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* WILLIAM A. CLENDENNING re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

1896.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont held its forty-third Annual Assembly in the hall of *Burlington* Council, No. 5, R. & S. M., in the city of Burlington, on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896.

M.·. I.·. MYRON J. HORTON, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. I.·.* Companion WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are nineteen Councils in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 1,056, being an increase of sixteen during the previous year. All of which Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's Address is somewhat of a singular composition of regrets, deprecation and congratulation, in the beginning, the middle and the ending. He says:—

"That we have a number of Councils even in large towns, which have for years been practically dormant, is well known to us who have been regular in attendance at the Annual Assembly of this Grand Council. Who is at fault that such a state of affairs exists? Is it not you who assemble here as the representatives of those Councils? We, Companions, have had committed to our keeping the sacred trust of preserving and perpetuating the beautiful teachings of our Cryptic degrees, and it behooves us to be fervent and zealous in the discharge of our duties, and in our investigations, even though it may sometimes be mistaken for curiosity and disobedience. Let us purge our secret vaults and drive out sloth and idleness. Intelligence and zealous labor in our Councils will insure prosperity and success. Hard work is the condition whereby we bring permanent prosperity to any branch of our Order.

"That the Cryptic Rite in Vermont has been fairly prosperous the past year, financially and numerically, is evidenced by the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, which will be presented to you at this assembly. But if we would summon complete success, we must return to our Masonic homes imbued with a determination that upon each one of us individually rests the welfare of our Councils. By faithful and regular attendance upon each stated assembly you will do much to inspire those you have elected to official positions, and to you such regular attendance should be a pleasure rather than a burden.

"In conclusion, my illustrious Companions, thanking you for often and repeated Masonic honors conferred, and especially for my present official position, I return to you, I trust unsullied, the gavel of authority, and in retiring from office express the wish that the Royal and Select few may continue to grow in wisdom, increase in fraternal love, and guard with vigilance the sacred treasures committed to our care. And may GOD grant his richest blessings to rest upon and abide with us always."

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion MARSH O. PERKINS, and covers forty-one pages, two pages being given to California, and chiefly given to the history of our own Grand Council, as copied from the report of our committee made in 1895.

Under the head of Connecticut, he expresses himself unfavorably to the proposition of that Grand Council becoming a constituent of the General Grand Council. He says:—

"The subject was referred to a special committee to report at the next annual assembly. Better let well enough alone, and retain a righteous independence. Nothing to be gained by a change except a right to share a glorious possession of high sounding titles and a triennial junket."

The General Grand Council gets no Vermont maple sugar from him, as will be seen from the following extract from his conclusions :—

"We have no special regard for the General Grand. In fact, we believe that Vermont blundered egregiously in surrendering her independence, and would most earnestly urge our independent sisters to retain their independence until the General Grand shall have shown itself more worthy of their being numbered among its constituency. But we are not prepared to admit that its creations can now erect independent Grand Bodies within its, previously conceded by them, territorial jurisdiction.

"We are inclined to the belief that our Colorado Companions have acted with greater zeal than discretion, and we sincerely regret the complications that have arisen. We are informed that the General Grand Master has granted dispensations for two new Councils in the State within the year, and that two others still acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand.

"So far as we can recall, Pennsylvania and Illinois, both independent Grand Bodies, have alone pronounced regular that which every other Grand Body, that has spoken, has declared irregular, if not clandestine. It is to be hoped, for the good of Cryptic Masonry in Colorado in particular, and of the Craft in general, that the situation may soon be changed, and that all concerned may be reunited in happiness and harmony. It appears to us that it rests upon our Colorado Companions to take the initiative."

M.·. I.·. Myron J. Horton was reelected Grand Master, and *R.·. I.·.* Companion Warren G. Reynolds reelected Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON.

1896.

The *Ill.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Washington held its First Annual Assembly in the city of Seattle, on Monday, June 8th, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896, at ten o'clock A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. Henry S. Kennan, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Companion Edward R. Hare, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Master filled the existing vacancies of Grand Officers by appointment.

There are seven Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 215, of which six Councils were represented.

An eloquent address of welcome was delivered by *Ill.·.* Companion H. C. Gordon, the *Ill.·.* Master of *Seattle* Council No. 6, which was responded to in equally eloquent terms by *Ill.·.* Comp. P. A. Daggett, *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master of *Spokane* Council, No. 4, by request of the Most Illustrious Grand Master for the Grand Council.

Now this is as it should be ; not only in the greeting of Companions but of the Grand Council. We are glad that Washington has thus set an

example which ought to be adopted in every jurisdiction every time that a Grand Council meets, for every locality is honored by its presence, and it should be thus recognized.

The Address of the Grand Master is a fine report of a master designer and builder, who has wisely and successfully laid the foundations of the Grand Secret Vault in that State, and justly received the honor and reward for his labors, and he may be proud of his work. He says:

"From twenty members and one Council in 1891, we have increased to seven Councils and 215 members in 1896. Such in brief has been the history of the Order in this State, and for the most part during a time when, in other jurisdictions, the work of the craft was practically suspended."

He pays a just tribute to *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. EDWARD R. HARE as Grand Recorder for the "successful discharge of the duties of that office amidst the trials and perplexities of the first year of our existence. Bringing to the task his experience gained as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Grand High Priest and Grand Commander, he has organized the details of the office and performed his official duties without expense other than could be liquidated with the funds on hand, and brought us to our Annual Assembly unhampered with debt or perplexity for the future."

The Report on Correspondence is by *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. EDWARD R. HARE, to whom we extend our ☞. His report covers four pages and though limited is admirable throughout, and exhibits keen penetration, sound logic, and practical common sense. He says:

"The importance of the Cryptic Degrees to the Masonic system is not to be questioned, and the Companion who loves and appreciates the beautiful and impressive truths inculcated by Masonic ceremonies and instruction, and yet, being able, fails to penetrate the Ninth Arch, is thereby the loser of rare and precious jewels. Some jurisdictions are so elaborating the Cryptic Ritual that we fear they will soon be making the famous inquiry, 'Where am I at?" and the Shriner, or Hoo-Hoo, or possibly old time member of that once noble order 'Sons of Malta,' when receiving the Cryptic Degrees may find things strangely familiar, reminding him forcibly of bygone days."

His head is level on the Grand Representative business, as will be seen as follows:—

"The Grand Representative system still seems to be on trial in the Cryptic Rite as well as in other bodies in some jurisdictions; not so in Washington. *Our experience in other Masonic organizations justifies us in declining to adopt a practice which has already caused heart-burning and ill feeling among our Masons.*"

The italics are ours. Grand Representatives between subordinate Grand Bodies which have no sovereignty is an utter farce. The thing was abolished in Grand Consistories by the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction nearly a quarter of a century ago. As well might the several States of the Union establish an independent diplomatic corps with each other, or subordinate divisions of foreign nations with equal propriety, and thus complicate affairs for Governors in our own country or for our Ministers Plenipotentiary and Ambassadors to foreign courts.

It gives opportunity for intrigue and spite for mischievous plotters to work their wires of conspiracy, and through prejudice and bias commit the bodies with which they are connected to acts of injustice upon *ex parte* statements made for the sole purpose of gratifying the malevolence and spleen on the part of the individuals who make them, but which, sooner or later, will prove to be boomerangs to return upon their own heads. We write from personal experience, and Ohio may take due notice hereof and govern itself accordingly under the WILLIAMS *regime* and code.

"Let the galled jade wince our withers are unwrung." "*Honi soi qui mal y pence.*"

We quote in full, and have italicised a portion of his comments upon Colorado:—

"The organization of a Grand Council in Colorado, and the refusal of the *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master to recognize it as regular, and his action towards the Councils composing it have caused no little comment; nearly all of the Grand Councils have had the matter before them in some form for consideration. The independents, as a rule, side with Colorado, and severely criticise the action of the General Grand Officers; a few have extended fraternal recognition, while others still have the matter under consideration. The constituents of the General Grand Council generally uphold the officers in their action, and some have refused to recognize Colorado's organization as regular; however, the majority have reserved their decision until the matter has been passed upon by the General Grand Council; this, we believe, is the proper course to pursue; for, no matter what our opinion may be of the powers conferred by the Constitution, yet it is not for us to impugn the motive or sincerity of our General Grand Officers, and they are entitled to a review of their acts by the body which created them. *We confess our sympathies are with Colorado, particularly when we remember our own awkward situation one year ago,* when from all parts of the State the representatives were assembled—after the necessary correspondence with the General Grand Officers—for the purpose of organizing the Grand Council of Washington, and only awaited the promised authority to proceed. Even a telegram failed to elicit a response, and the question of the hour was, 'what shall we do?' Then was the constitution and regulations of the General Grand Council on this subject thoroughly discussed, and had not the delayed commission from the *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master opportunely arrived, *I fear Washington would to-day, like Colorado, be begging recognition by the Cryptic world. Therefore, knowing the purity of our intentions, honesty of purpose, and belief that the Constitution justified our organizing, independent, if we so desired,* which we did not, *we say give Colorado also a chance to be heard before our highest Cryptic tribunal,* and there, after a careful, unbiased consideration of and deliberation upon the facts and the law, let justice be done without fear or favor."

Companion HARE is fair-minded and just, and if Washington came so near coming out independent, by the delay of the General Grand Master in sending the required commission, then Colorado should be dealt leniently with when she had greater reason by provocation from the General Grand Recorder.

The East and the middle West do not understand the mettle and temper of the free, open hearted and open handed men and Masons of the Rocky Mountains, the Great Basin or of the Pacific Coast, which can reasonably

boast of as fine school houses, colleges, and universities, with as fine teachers and professors, as are to be found in the classic precincts of Cambridge, New Haven, Princeton, or New York. We may have Vigilance Committees when law or justice is slow to be meted out to offenders, but we have no Anarchists to riot and destroy property in our streets. When men have once breathed our atmosphere they do not return to the malarious swamps of the Wabash, or the sloughs of Illinois or of Ohio. But we must cross the Continent to the Green Mountain State of Vermont.

M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM V. RINEHART was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Companion EDWARD R. HARE was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

It is gratifying to know that the Cryptic Rite is able to proceed alone. There is no longer the wail and its echoes reverberating through the Nine Arches clamoring for Pre-requisition. That question is settled for all time.

The final statement of *Ill.* Comp. DRUMMOND, and information given by him from the north side of the Temple grounds, confirms the stand we have taken from the beginning as to the origin of the Cryptic degrees as being side degrees of the A. and A. S. Rite, itself being the successor and possessor of the old Rite of Perfection, which form twenty-five degrees of the thirty-three of the A. and A. S. Rite when constituted and organized in 1801. All true history recorded by PIKE, MACKEY, and others, the custodians of the archives of the Southern Supreme Council not destroyed by fire during the flames of the late civil war have made an impenetrable and invulnerable wall of adamantine truth, which cannot be stopped or mined by any false "Genesis" or burrowing animal, whom it would be offensive and disagreeable to follow; though the moat and trenches might occasionally be filled with water as a prudent matter to keep the atmosphere more healthy for respiration and the sanitary condition of the Secret Vault.

General prosperity prevails throughout the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Council and the most of the Independent Grand Councils of the Cryptic Rite. It is properly named the "Cryptic Rite," though there are several writers who cavil at the name. It is Cryptic, because its ceremonies pertain to that which is secret, hidden, covered, or concealed. The Royal Arch degree is equally Cryptic to which the degrees of Royal and Select Masters are now made to apply to the American Rite, as they formerly did to the fourteenth degree of the old Rite of Perfection and now of the A.·. and A.·. S.·. Rite, which in 1870 ceased by its own legal enactment to have any further control over it, and that road now to that entrance of the Secret Vault is through the American Royal Arch Chapter. The Lodge of Perfection is still the Secret Vault, but makes no complaint or protest to its being used to illustrate another tradition or legend different from and more modern than its own. Each have their lessons and moral truths to be inculcated, and he who cannot discriminate and learn them both without bias or prejudice is incapable of receiving the truth. It is perhaps a fortunate thing in some respects, that there are so many different branches of the

Masonic Fraternity. In a great many instances it gratifies the ambition for office and power among so many admitted to the Craft, who might explode with unsatisfied aspiration and vanity on the tessellated pavement of the Temple, and the pressure is relieved in that quarter. Neither WARREN or FRANKLIN, the first American Grand Masters, nor the immortal WASHINGTON himself, knew anything of Masonry above the Master's Chair in the Blue Lodge, and yet there are no Masons to-day or since then who have been able to surpass or even equal these three greatest Lights of Masonry among men whom the world have delighted to honor, and their memories cherished by their grateful brethren and countrymen.

There seems to have been a great amount of slag left behind at HIRAM ABIF's foundry, to supply a large number of castings of brass exceedingly hard but brittle, which have found their way in some places to the various Courts of the Temple, and they occasionally are met with in the Secret Vault. They give a metallic sound when struck, but are of no real value or use. They were rejected long ago as unfit to be cast in either of the two great pillars in front of the porch of the Temple, the great brazen sea, or even the basins in which the priests were to wash their feet, that they might stand clean in the most holy place.

The Secret Vault with its nine arches is intended for an equally holy and sacred purpose, but not as caves and kennels for bats and jackals or vermin of any kind, nor to be a hiding place for illicit purposes by conspirators who might combine against the Master Builder of the Temple. None of the twelve with the three others knew of its existence, and even their victim was not buried in the place of his own selection. The lessons of the Secret Vault neither point to interment or cremation, but that "it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." He must return the way he came from the Grand Secret Vault, the Arcanum of the Supreme Grand Master and Architect of the Universe, who sitteth on the Circle of Perfection, without parallels or tangents at its sides, but within which will be found the Triangle representing the trinity of his attributes, the Great Square of the Grand Master, and the Compasses of the Craft to determine the angles of their work, so that in due time the Companions who do work honestly and faithfully shall secure the rewards of their labors.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

EDWIN A. SHERMAN,
Chairman of Committee.

The Grand Master announced the election of Grand Officers as the next business in order, and having appointed Companions WILLIAM M. PETRIE and CHARLES LORD FIELD to act as tellers, the election proceeded, with the following result:—

The *M.·. Ill.·.* HENRY ASCROFT was elected Grand Master;

The *R.·. Ill.·.* ROBERT ASH was elected Deputy Grand Master;

The *R.·. Ill.·.* AUGUST WACKERBARTH was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Works;

The *R.·. Ill.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was elected Grand Treasurer;

The *R.·. Ill.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Recorder.

Comp. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, from the Committee on Finances and Returns, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Finances and Returns beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and find them correct.

We find the accounts correctly kept, and the sum of $620.20 in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, an increase of $27.75 over last year's report.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

Grand Recorder's salary	$125 00
Grand Sentinel's salary	7 50
Grand Organist's salary	7 50
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence	65 00
Contingent expenses Grand Recorder's office	40 00
Printing Proceedings	200 00
Expenses of Grand Master to visit Subordinate Councils	150 00
	$595 00

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,
THOMAS KYLE,
ROBERT ASH,
} *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in, and the appropriations were ordered as recommended.

Comp. CHARLES LORD FIELD, from the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, made a verbal report that no appeal or grievance had been presented for the consideration of the Committee, and congratulated the Grand Council on the peace and harmony prevailing.

The Representatives of sister Grand Councils who were present extended congratulations of the Grand Bodies represented

by them and reported increased zeal in the Cryptic Rite generally.

The Grand Council was then called off until half past one this afternoon.

In Grand Council.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Monday, April 19, Anno Dep. 2897.

The Grand Council was called on at half past one o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

Comp. WILLIAM A. DAVIES, from the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on the Address of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master have considered the various matters submitted by him in the interest of this Grand Jurisdiction. We are pleased to be able to join in the congratulations of the Grand Master to the Grand Council on the approaching signs of the return of prosperous days to the Cryptic system.

The paper itself bears evidence of the zeal and desire of our executive head to discharge his entire duty to the Royal Craft, and your committee are pleased to bear evidence of his loyal service.

The business of the jurisdiction referred to in the Address is confined almost entirely to routine matters, and we recommend that so much thereof as refers to financial matters be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that so much as refers to the death of Past Grand Master STEPHEN WING and our loyal and accomplished workman, Companion JOSEPH G. BASTON, be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

Referring to the communication from *Helena* Council, No. 9, located in Helena, Montana, your committee submit that the establishment of Councils in that jurisdiction is entirely within the province of the General Grand Council, and we would counsel our Companions of Helena to give to constituted authority its loyal support in the progress of the Cryptic Rite in Montana.

We commend the Grand Master for his visitation of constituent Councils, as reported. We believe the custom of visitation by Grand Officers to be of great benefit to the Craft, and while attended, in a large State like California, with "some danger and difficulty," not only revives the dormant energies of the body visited, but confers upon the visitor the satisfaction of duty performed.

We recommend the approval of the official acts reported by the Grand Master.

WM. A. DAVIES
W. FRANK PIERCE, } *Committee.*
CHARLES L. FIELD,

Which report was concurred in and the recommendations adopted.

The Grand Master appointed as committee—

On Obituaries: { Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,
" WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,
" ALEXANDER JOHN GARDINER.

Comp. ROBERT ASH, from the Committee on New Councils, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of the State of California:—

Your Committee on New Councils beg leave to report that they have examined the reports and returns of *Gateway* Council (under dispensation), and find the application in due and regular form, the records all well kept and in perfect order, and recommend that a charter be issued therefor, to be known as *Gateway* Council, No. 13.

ROBT. ASH,
WM. SCARBOROUGH, } *Committee.*
DANIEL P. BYSTLE,

Which report was concurred in and the charter ordered as recommended.

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Special Committee on Obituaries, presented the following report, which report was concurred in and the resolutions accompanying it were adopted:

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your committee on the death of Companions STEPHEN WING and JOSEPH GARDNER BASTON, respectfully report the following:—

Companion STEPHEN WING was born in the town of Sandwich, Mass., Feb. 16, 1823. His father was a farmer. He served an apprenticeship at the trade of tinsmith in the city of New Bedford. Came around the Horn in the bark *Galen*, arriving in California in 1850. Worked at his trade in San Francisco until his removal to Jamestown, Tuolumne Co. in 1853. From that time forward, for the ensuing twenty years, he was prominent in Masonry in that section of this jurisdiction, occupying many important offices with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity.

He filled the position of Grand Master of this Grand Council in 1871 in

a manner satisfactory to the craft, and his memory is cherished by his surviving companions as that of a loving husband, a patriotic citizen, and an accomplished Mason.

He died at his home in this city, July 16, 1896, at the ripe old age of 73 years and 5 months.

"Peace to his ashes."

On the 29th day of October, 1896, our friend and Companion JOSEPH GARDNER BASTON was called from labor to refreshment. For many years we have been accustomed to listen to his musical voice from the organ loft of this hall, at the Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, and we miss it, together with his hearty grasp of hand, warmth of manner, and geniality of soul.

He was, *par excellence*, the Principal Conductor of the Works of California Council No. 2, R. & S. M., for many years, and as such had endeared himself to the members of that Council.

A New Englander by birth, his residence among us developed and intensified the principles taught him in his youth, and which may be concentrated in the expression, "BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, AND TRUTH."

While we mourn his departure from among us, we realize that "our loss is his gain," and, in humbly bowing to the Divine decree, we say "THY WILL BE DONE."

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. DAY, *Committee.*

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year:—

The *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE..... .....as..*Grand Chaplain;*
" " " ALEXANDER JOHN GARDINER as..*Grand Capt. of Guards;*
" " " JACOB HART NEFF.....as..*Grand Conductor of Council;*
" " " GEORGE PENLINGTON.....as..*Grand Lecturer;*
" " " WM. BYRON SCARBOROUGH...as..*Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER.....as..*Grand Organist;*
" " JAMES OGLESBY .....as..*Grand Sentinel.*

The Grand Officers were then severally installed in their respective stations, by Past Grand Master WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, assisted by Past Grand Master WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, as Master of the Ceremonies.

Comp. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, from the Special Committee on Installation Ceremonies, appointed at the last Annual Assembly, reported progress, and asked further time, which was granted.

The Grand Master announced the following committee:—

On Correspondence: { Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,
" WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,
" EDWARD RICHARD HEDGES.

The business of the Grand Council being all completed, the minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Council of California was closed in *Ample Form.*

HENRY ASCROFT,
Grand Master.

Attest:
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
Grand Secretary.

This Mourning Page,

BY ORDER OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

M.·. ILL.·. STEPHEN WING,

Who was born in the Town of Sandwich, State of Massachusetts
On the sixteenth day of February, 1823,

And who died in the City of San Francisco, State of California,
On the sixteenth day of July, 1896.

HE HAD BEEN

Master of Columbia Lodge, No. 28, F. & A. M.,

High Priest of Columbia Chapter, No. 8, R. A. M.,

Thrice Ill. Master of Sonora Council, No. 5, R. & S. M.

Commandery of Pacific Commandery, No. 3, K. T.,

Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons,

AND

GRAND MASTER

of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California.

An amiable and courteous gentleman,
A true and zealous Mason,
By his kindly and benevolent disposition,
And by his upright and honorable walk in life,
He had won and deserved
The love and esteem of all who knew him.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

A. D. 1897, A. Dep. 2897.

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL, No. 1.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Louis Cyrus Schindler, *Ill. Master*, Edwin Glover, *Recorder*,
Charles Richard Goss, *Dep. Ill. Mast.*, Franklin Weaver Book, *Capt. of G.*,
James Elsworth Thompson, *P. C. W.*, William Hewson Davis, *Conductor*,
William Monroe Petrie, *Treasurer*, Charles Alfred Carlson, *Steward*,
Joel Osgood Wilder, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Monroe Petrie, *P. G. M.*,
John William Rock, *P. G. M.*,
Cornelius Kellogg,
Joseph Davey,
Edwin Glover,
John Hurley,
William Hewson Davis,
Harry Ingham,
Richard Vaughan,
Richard Palmer Burr,
Clive William Porter,
Alexander John Gardiner,
David Farr.

SELECT MASTERS:

Abbott, Augustus
Alexander, Robert
Alltucker, Henry
Andrews, John Nichols
Baker, Alfred Septimus
Baldwin, William Hedges
Barton, Charles Thomas
Bittancourt, Thomas Maria
Block, Maurice
Boyd, John Walter
Breuner, John
Breuner, Louis Frederick
Burchard, James Philo
Burnett, Augustus
Burnham, James Henry
Bush, George Thomson
Carroll, Edgar Barclay
Carroll, Harry Winans
Champlin, Nelson
Chapman, Bernard Henry

Chapman, George Warren
Chrisman, Elmer Judson
Church, William Smithers
Clark, Jerome Franklin
Cohn, Edward Francis
Conaway, George Winfield
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin
Coppersmith, Michael Thos.
Cothrin, William Kip
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cunningham, John Austin
Dale, Richard
Davis, James Gilliland
Decker, Horace Washington
Dennery, Alphonse
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Dierssen, George Ernest August
Dixon, William Henry
Douglas, William Wallace
Dresbach, William
Dresher, Valentine
Dunn, George
Eilers, Theodore George
Eppinger, Herman
Ettlinger, Bernard
Fay, Newton Murray
Flemming, Frank
Flye, Charles Eben
Forbes, Robert
Foster, James Stewart
Fox, Thomas
Foye, William Robinson Smith
Frahm, Claus
Frates, Frank
Frazer, Thomas
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Frommelt, Hugo
Gable, Harvey Clinton
Gagnon, Alfred
Gallatin, Albert
Gardner, Charles Francis
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew, Jr.
Gillis, Dougald
Graham, Louis Edgar
Gray, Alexander Isaac
Gray, Arthur Irvine
Gregory, Eugene Julius
Gregory, Frank
Gruhler, John
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Mosheim Schmucker
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, Wilbur Mark
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Heisen, Charles, Jr.
Heintzelman, Taylor Washington
Heitman, John Henry
Herzog, Philip
Hevener, William Henry
Hollister, Charles Edwin
Hollister, Dwight
Hoover, Benjamin Vanzandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Howell, Sidney Algernon
Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Hubbs, Anthony
Huggins, Henri Tyler
Hyman, Daniel
Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Jackson, William Franklin
Johnson, Frank Taylor
Johnson, Hiram Warren
Johnson, Philip
Johnston, Alfred J.
Johnston, William
Just, John Peter
Ketcham, Marvin Alonzo
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Knox, William Frederick
Lawson, Walter Brokaw

Leonard, Carl *A*
LeMay, Victor
Levison, Jacob
Lewis, Samuel Amanzo
Lightner, Bonus
Little, Christopher
Luhrs, Charles August
Lyon, Edward
Lufkins, Harry Tileston
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McArthur, John
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McGlashan, Charles Fayette
McKee, Edwin Hervey
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
Meister, August
Menke, Anton
Miller, William Buchanan
Mills, James Edgar
Molter, Jacob Philip
Morrison, James Mathew
Nathan, Samuel
Nelson, Clarence Newton
Nevis, Manuel Silva
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Noack, Charles John
Ochsner, John
Olney, Cephas Charles
O'Neil, James
Ottman, Gilbert Almon
Pacheco, Romualdo
Peterson, William Frederick
Phillips, Louis
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Platt, Philemon Eli
Prouty, William Harrison
Rego, Edward Sutherland
Reid, Thomas Benton
Rohrer, Frederick William
Runyon, Solomon
Schroth, John George
Scheunert, Carl Emil
Shonefelt, William Domer
Scott, Thomas James
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Thomas
Stall, Benjamin Franklin
Stanley, Leander
Steffens, Joseph
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Stephens, John Dickson
Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Sweany, John
Taverner, George
Tufts, Albert Currier
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
Variel, Robert Henry Fauntleroy
Vermilya, Abram John
Webster, Joseph Richard
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Whitelaw, John
White, George Amos
Wiard, William Frederick
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Woodburn, James
Wright, Charles Edward
Young, John Nelles
Young, Lamartine Wilson—205.

WITHDRAWN:

Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Davis, William Buckley
Jones, William Rowland—3.

EXPELLED:

Lawson, Powell Samuel
Frost, Amos Locke—2.

DIED:

Birdsall, Frederick Wheeler
Coleman, Edward
Richards, John—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report....195		Withdrawn	3
Greeted..... 17		Expelled.	2
Affiliated .... 1—213.		Died	3
		Now borne upon the roll ...205—213.	

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Robert Ash, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Eugene DeKay Townsend, *D. Ill. M.*,
Henry Ascroft, *Prin. Con. of W.*,
Charles Lord Field, *Treasurer*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Recorder*,
John Randolph Daggett, *C. of G'd*,
Arthur Calvin Soule, *Conductor*,
Thomas Voel Harris, *Steward*,
Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
James Oglesby, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Thomas Kyle, *P. G. M.*,
William Thomas Reynolds, *P.G.M.*,
Franklin Henry Day, *P. G. M.*,
Charles Lord Field, *P. G. M.*,
George Penlington,
Edward Potter Cressey,
Henry Ascroft,
Robert Ash.

SELECT MASTERS:

Allen, Richard Spicer
Anthony, Edward Taylor
Armstrong, George Robert
Baker, Charles Henry
Baldwin, Alfred Walton
Barclay, Robert Henry
Bassett, Charles Follen
Baum, David Andrew
Baum, Simon
Benedict, Courtland Smith
Birch, William Henry
Black, Howard
Bliss, Charles
Blossom, Henry Eckford
Bone, Charles
Bonney, Charles Sumner
Bragg, Robert
Broder, Robert Chidley
Bromley, George Tisdale
Browell, Jeremiah
Brown, Henry Adams
Brown, William Graham
Bruce, James Henderson
Bruce, William Young
Bunker, Robert Elmer
Burns, Henry Bernhard
Callinan, William
Campbell, Vernon
Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Chapman, Edward Kirk
Chesley, Charles Palmer
Christian, Ceasar
Christie, James Alexander

Clark, George Dickson
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans
Code, Philip *D*
Coleman, William Warren
Conlisk, Charles William
Cressy, Albert
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Charles Frederic
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Culver, James Henry
Curry, John
Curtis, John Morrison
Davis, Henry Harvey
Davis, Winfield Scott
Day, Thomas Henry
Dean, Peter
Decker, Charles William
Dietterle, George
Dobler, Charles
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dominguez, Richard Arthur
Doud, Aaron
Dougherty, Charles Medley
Dragomanovich, Spiro *S G*
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty
Dunn, James
Dunne, James Patrick
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Eddy, Richard *A*
Edelman, Charles
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edmondson, John George
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Elias, Edward
Elliot, Charles Emery
Ellis, Benjamin
Ewing, James Stanley
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Foster, Arthur William
Frenzel, Godman August
Frolich, Theodore
Gamble, Samuel
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Getz, Marcus
Giles, Frederick *N*
Godley, Montgomery
Goodban, Francis Edward
Grauerholz, Henry John
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Griffin, John Wesley
Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn
Haas, David Leopold
Hale, Reuben Brooks
Hallett, Alonzo
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hare, Elias *C*
Hatch, Augustus Timothy
Hatch, James Henry
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Hellwig, Christian
Highton, Henry Edward
Hobbs, John Kemble Carlton
Hoffman, Harry Nathaniel
Holden, Samuel Emery
Hopkins, Timothy
Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Huested, Orson Justus
Huff, William Henry Routin
Iredale, Charles Winslow
Jeffers, Milo Sydney
Jellison, Benjamin Franklin
Jewett, George Albert
Johnson, Albert de Montfredy
Johnson, George
Jones, Edward Campbell
Jones, William Arthur
Jost, Charles
Jost, Charles, Jr.
Jost, Joseph
Jost, William Reinhard

Kent, Thaddeus Benning
Kern, Morris James
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Kimball, Roy Thurston
Kincaid, John Evans
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Knapp, Henry Hay
Koenig, Frank
Kohler, Henry
Kramer, Louis George
Krieg, Anton
Landgrebe, Robert George
Lent, Samuel Lancaster
Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Logan, Milburne Hill
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lucas, John William
Lucas, Walter Edward
Lyman, William Whittingham
Lynch, Henry Hudson
Lyon, William Henry
McCarty, James
McMillan, Robert
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Mentz, John Henry
Meston, Robert
Mills, Edward Tyrrel Bisset
Montealegre, Carlos Francisco
Moore, Andrew
Morffew, Thomas
Morgan, Charles Augustus
Murdock, George Leonard
Myrson, Simon
Nagle, Richard Hamilton
Nash, Charles
Neuhaus, Christian Henry Fred.
Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Newman, George Howard
Noonen, John
Norcross, Daniel
Noteware, Edward Washington
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Osborn, Lamartine
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Patton, Charles Lewis
Payne, Warren Ritch
Peck, Philip
Perley, Albion Starbird
Phillips, William Rippard
Plummer, Cyrus Moody
Price, Thomas
Price, William Edmund
Prince, Henry Gilman
Reis, John O'Neal
Riley, John Francis
Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Ryan, Michael
Sabin, John Ira
Schetzel, Adolph Georg
Schmidt, Valentine
Schreiber, Martin August William
Scott, Henry Wilson
Seibel, Philipp
Seymour, Simon Harry
Slack, Charles William
Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.
Smith, William Jacob
Soule, William Lloyd Garrison
Spaulding, James Garfield
Speier, Bernard
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stockfleth, John
Stoddart, Augustus Wynne
Sumner, Frank William
Swain, Edward Robinson
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thompson, George
Thompson, George Howard
Thornton, Samuel Kennedy
Triest, Bernard
Turner, James Frederick
Vanderhurst, William
Veen, Frank Joseph

Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alexander Barack
Walker, Robert Andrew
Warburton, Samuel
Ward, William
Warwick, James Blain
Welch, Willard Choate, Jr.
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
Whitcomb, Frank Randolph
White, Jonathan Lloyd
Wiley, George Adrian
Williamson, Henry
Willman, Alexander
Wilson, Charles Harold
Woodbury, Warren Dean
Young, Shirley Trever
Younger, William John—245.

RESTORED:

Dodd, Willis Gorman
Edelman, Charles
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Levy, Joseph
Swannack, Daniel
Walker, Robert Andrew
Ward, William—7.

WITHDRAWN:

Atkinson, Thomas Thompson
Christiansen, Jacob
Clark, John Franklin
Dall, Peter Peterson
Evans, Joseph John
Filkins, Charles Wesley
Firth, Joseph Kirk
Fisher, Henry
Hall, Robert
Hildebrandt, Carsten
Jennings, Charles Brooks
Kenyon, Curtis George
Scott, Ebenezer
Simpson, James
Smith, James Jerome
Spear, Lewis Eugene
Swannack, Daniel
Williams, Daniel *A*
Woodlock, John—19.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Campbell, Lucien Daniel
Carr, John George
Cole, Richard Beverly
Lacey, Albert Ernest
Morgan, David, Jr.—5.

DIED:

Baston, Joseph Gardner
Davis, Jacob Zeigler
Halsted, James LaFayette
Levy, Jacob
Moraghan, Michael Bolan
Peyre, Jean Joseph
Wing, Stephen—7.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report...	263	Withdrawn	19
Greeted	5	Suspended for N. P. D.....	5
Affiliated	1	Died	7
Restored	7—276.	Now borne upon the roll...	245—276.

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 8.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Frank *B* Miller, *Th. Ill. Master*, James Fred Eastman, *Recorder*,
William Andrew Lowrey, *D. Ill. M.*, Amasa Willey White, *Capt. of G.*,
Albert Julius Menz, *P. C. of Works*, John George McLellan, *Conductor*,
Charles Hapgood, *Treasurer*, Gavin Walker Hutchins, *Steward*.
Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Holcombe Rhees,
Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Andrew Jackson Binney,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Lemuel Trescott Crane,
Charles Hapgood.

SELECT MASTERS:

Aaron, Francis William Howard
Asher, Alexander Branch
Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Baxter, John
Belknap, F. G.
Berry, James McConnell
Blackburn, George *W*
Brown, Josiah Perkins
Burchard, John Luther
Burner, Henry
Carpenter, George Washington
Clements, William Andrew
Cohn, Isaac Giballe
Crew, Alexander Hill
Deaner, Samuel Christian
Duncan, John Lewis
Ellis, William Turner
Elwell, William
Engle, Peter
Ewell, Samuel
Fagan, Edward
Faulkner, Charles
Fimbreath, Arthur Francis
Fisher, Charles Lester
Goad, William Frank
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hauss, Ferdinand
Haynes, James
Hochstadter, Simon
Hunter, William
Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Irwin, Alexander Cameron
Kernan, Thomas Hugh
Knight, David Edgar
Krause, Frederick Low
Lee, Ortis Frederick
Leining, John Henry
Lewek, Solomon
Logan, Anderson Dabney
Marcuse, Marcus
McFarlane, James Clark
Miller, Arthur Gardner
Molineux, Henry
Mould, William
Nelson, William Harvey
Patterson, George
Peacock, James Richard
Peacock, William Flint
Peck, William Francis
Peters, Joseph
Reece, Thomas White
Rideout, Norman Dunning
Roberts, John Henry
Rogers, Samuel Josiah Smith
Sanborn, Miles Edward

Saye, George Marion
Schuler, Conrad
Seely, John Ambrose
Skinner, Randolph Whitney
Slingsby, William
Stafford, William Henry
Stone, Lewis Charles
Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Vanderwarker, Abner *K*
Webb, Charles Augustus
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Woodworth, Homer Allen—84.

EXCLUDED:

Dobbins, Thomas—1.

DIED:

Spencer, Stephen—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....86
Excluded 1
Died 1
Now borne upon the roll ....84—86.

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Frank Wilson Street, *Th. Ill. Master*, Charles Edward Street, *Recorder*,
Charles Henry Burden, *Dep. Ill. Mas.*, Crittenden Hampton, *C. of Guards*,
Eduard Keil, *Prin. Con. of Works.*, Alonzo Colby, *Conductor*,
John Mundorf, *Treasurer*, Eugene Hamilton Barton, *Steward*,
Abraham Barlow, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edward Lang,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers.
Frank Wilson Street.

SELECT MASTERS:

Brown, Gurdon
Calhoun, Henry Clay
Conrad, Frederick
Eastman, William White
Eslick, Charles
Fontana, Charles Domenick
Gould, Elisha Toman
Hender, Thomas Arthur Stiles
Johnson, Andrew Porter
Johnson, Peter
Knudson, Niles Ladefoyed
Long, Wilbur
Long, William Giles
Matthews, James
McDonald, Donald James
Mitchell, Frederick Francis
Morgan, Frank Albert
Nicol, George Woodburn
Parsons, Edmond
Patterson, Archibald
Preston, Howard Alvin
Sharwood, William
Shine, John Henry
Wells, Thomas Washington
Yancey, Tryon Milton—36.

WITHDRAWN:

Requa, James Edgar—1.

DIED:

Bell, James
Hampton, Joseph Moore—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....29	Withdrawn 1
Greeted .....10—39.	Died 2
	Now borne upon the roll....36—39.

SHASTA COUNCIL, No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Morris Mehon, *Th. Ill. Master*, Daniel Potter Bystle, *Recorder*,
Albert Frederick Ross, *Deputy Ill. M.*, John Sale Strode, *C. of the Guard*,
John William Garden, *P. C. Works*, Sylvester Hull, *Conductor*,
William Alexander Boswell, *Treas'r*, Wilhelm Kellner, *Steward*,
Gunther Frederick Chas. Schroter, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle,
Albert Frederick Ross,
Adolph Dobrowsky,
Morris Mehon.

SELECT MASTERS:

Andrew, William
Andrews, Alexander Robertson
Beard, John Samuel
Bell, Joseph Evans
Blossom, Robert Hurd
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus
Cahoone, William Brower
Fish, William Andrew
Gardner, Elias Dehaven
Gillespie, John
Hall, Joseph *N*
Kimball, Gorham Gates
Lowden, William Spencer
McCoy, Leo Lewis
McDonald, Angus
Miller, Thomas Love
Murphy, Sylvanus Everett
Nichols, James Levin
Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Reynolds, John Edward
Ross, Herman Frederick
Rosland, Oscar *O*
Rowles, James
Satterlee, Frank Peck
Scammon, James Freeman
Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Scranton, Jewett
Smith, Champion *W*
Sweeny, Edward
Taylor, Clay Webster
Weil, David
Weil, Joseph
Wimmer, James Moses—43.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....38 Now borne upon the roll .....43.
Greeted. ..... 5—43.

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9.

Helena, Montana.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Booker, *Recorder*,
William McClatchey, *D. Ill. Master*, Francis Doremus Jones, *Capt. of G.*,
Joseph J. Hindson, *P. C. of W.*, Alfred Douglas Edgar, *Conductor*,
Edward D. Neill, Jr., *Treasurer*, August Weisenhorn, *Steward*,
William Dulin Smith, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornelius Hedges, William McClatchey,
Walter E. Frederick, Henry M. Parchen.
James W. Hathaway,

SELECT MASTERS:

Cater, Charles *S*
Cook, Andrew B.
Cowden, Henry
Cummings, Pat. W.
Davis, Lewellyn Daniel
Evans, Henry D.
Featherman, James Benjamin
Featherman, John A.
Fox, Jonathan N.
Garrett, Clarence B.
Greenhood, Isaac
Guthrie, Henry *H*
Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin *M*
Hunter, Duncan Thomas
Jones, Louis L.
Jury, William
Kennon, Richard T.
Kirkendall, Hugh
Kirkendall, Thomas B.
Kleinschmidt, Theodore H.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
McCann, William Henry
Murphy, John
Nolan, Cornelius B.
Palmer, Aleck. L.
Rhese, Hugh
Reinig, Michael
Robinson, Jeremiah
Schwab, Samuel
Sederburg, Albert Vitalis
Spalding, William Scott
Stebbins, Charles Henderson
Stewart, William Wallace
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Walker, Jacob Longacre
White, Charles Eugene
Wood, George R.—53.

WITHDRAWN:

Baker, Isaac W.
Barret, Anthony H.
Day, Edward Carson
Demain, Lewis Cyrus
Major, John Crittenden
McCaw, William W. P.
Reed, Henry S.
Riley, Michael C.
Shaw, William Steel
Tonkin, William R.
Whitworth, Alfred—11.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....64
Withdrawn.....11
Now borne upon the roll.....53—64.

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Richards Hedges, *T. Ill. M.*, Geo. Alexander McKenzie, *Recorder*,
John Yardley, *D. Ill. Master*, Henry Ephriam Robbins, *C. of Guard*,
John Garwood, *Prin. Con. Works*, William Henry Stone, *Conductor*,
Columbus Hurd, *Treasurer*, Flavil Gaylord Hickox, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Howe, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies, Alexander Chalmers.
Edward Richards Hedges,

SELECT MASTERS:

Bachmann, Carl August
Baggs, Harry Nichols
Barber, Joseph Martin
Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins
Beede, William Morris Stewart
Bergman, Francis Gustav Alex. H.
Blodgett, John Millard
Bransford, Edgar McDowell
Brown, Philip Thomas
Buell, Park Arbington
Caine, John
Castle, Christopher Champlin
Castle, Durrett Oliver
Catts, George Elbert
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Cobb, Frank Dyckman
Cotterell, William
Cross, Samuel Nelson
Cunningham, Thomas
Dalby, Samuel Price
Ditz, George, Jr.
Elliott, Lyman Weston
Fraser, Philip Barry
Friedberger, Arnold
Friedberger, Leo
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
Harrison, Norval
Harrison, William Bruce
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Henderson, Orrin Staples
Hood, Edward Elbridge
Jory, John
Kerr, Benjamin Eadie
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Langford, George William
Latta, Samuel Eikenbarry

Lehe, Eugene
McCreary, Edward Davis
McGuffick, William
McKenzie, John Alexander
McKinnon, Angus
McPherson, Joseph Kennon
Milco, Nicola
Noble, Arthur Morgan
Peters, Joseph Daphine
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Isaac Henry
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Russell, Richard William
Shaw, Henry Coffin
Shurtleff, George Augustus
Smith, James Webb
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Sperry, George Barker
Swain, Cornelius
Swain, Joseph Henry
Thompson, Edward Rees
Tindall, Pleasant Hay
Wallace, Hamilton—72.

RESTORED:

Cotterell, William—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Buchanan, Charles Joseph—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Fortune, James Pulaski
Lane, Frank Ellis—2.

DIED:

Dorsey, Caleb
O'Brien, John Henry—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	69	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	7	Suspended for N. P. D	2
Restored	1—77.	Died	2
		Now borne upon the roll	72—77.

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Byron Scarborough, *T. Ill. M.*
Jasper Newton Preston, *D. Ill. Master*,
George Henry Habel, *P. C. of W.*,
Niles Pease, *Treasurer*,
August Wackerbarth, *Recorder*,
George Sinsabaugh, *Capt. of Guard*,
David Munroe Sutherland, *Cond'ct'r*,
Ambrogio Vignolo, *Steward*,
Milton Cephas Fordham, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme, *P. G. M.*,
Granville Quincy Stewart,
Robert Gilmore Cunningham,
Norton Filmore Story,
August Wackerbarth,
Julius Brousseau.

SELECT MASTERS :

Baldwin, Cornelius Vanoy
Bicknell, John Dustin
Blackmer, Eli Tucker
Branch, John Franklin
Brown, John Alexander
Bullis, Omri
Burr, William Orange
Campbell, John Mis
Colbert, Patrick
Conradi, Simon
Crawford, James Seth
Cummings, William George
Dornfield, Ferdinand Emil
Drake, James Frederick
Drought, Robert
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry
Fiscus, Joseph
Folsom, Niles Rathbone
Freeman, Edwin Herbert
Grubb, Oscar Edwin
Haskell, John Condit
Henderson, William Hutchinson
Hinds, George
Hinman, Clifford Irwin
Illich, Gerolomo
Jacobs, Lewis
Jeffries, William Thomas
King, John
Knickerbocker, Niles
Lambie, William Thomas
Levy, Michael
McManis, John Rodman
Medina, John Blancarte
Meyer, Samuel
Moore, James Lamar
Morgan, Addison
Morgan, William Adams
Owens, Madison Townsand
Perry, John Sargent
Polaski, Lewis
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Rolfe, Horace Cowen
Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Santee, Milton
Schmidt, Fred William Theodore
Smith, Henry Augustus
Spence, William Glenn
Strohm, Thomas
Suits, Elihu Daniel
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Lew, Fred
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Vawter, Edwin James
Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Whitson, Levi Henry
Williams, Romayne
Wilson, Thomas Jonathan—72.

WITHDRAWN:

Bush, Charles Wilson—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Brooks, Daniel William
Clemens, Andrew
Craigue, Solon William
Jewett, Stanley Punchardon
Miles, David Edwin—5.

EXCLUDED:

Coulter, John Alexander—1.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	68	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	11—79.	Suspended for N. P. D.....	5
		Excluded	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	72—79.

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, fifth Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Damien Edmont Fortin, *Th. Ill. M.*, John Wm. McClymonds, *Recorder*,
Albert Humphrey Merritt, *D. Ill. M.*, Charles Franklin Burnham, *C. of G.*,
Edward Harrison Morgan, *P. C. W.*, Wm. Henry Searls Owens, *Conductor*,
William Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*, Patrick Cahill, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett,
James Bestor Merritt,
William Frank Pierce,
Edward Harrison Morgan,
Webb Nicholson Pearce,
Edwin Allen Sherman,
Eugene Cormeny,
William Clay Smith,
Robert Edgar,
Amasa Wright Bishop,
August Lewis Ott.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ames, George Spencer
Baldwin, Robert Oliver
Beckwith, John *A*
Bice, John
Bradley, John Tilford
Breed, Arthur Hastings
Britton, John Alexander
Brown, Lewis Henry
Burrell, Alfred William
Cary, Amzi *B*
Clift, Frederick Charles
Crooks, John Chisholm
Dalton, Henry Philip
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
Douglass, Charles Henry
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Ely, Ralph Asahel
Evers, John Henry
Fletter, Freborn *J*
French, Robert Elsworth
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor
Goodman, George
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gregory, Calvin Levi
Gunn, Adam Francis
Hahn, Henry Casper
Hale, William Elmer
Hamilton, William Thomas
Handy, Brayton Everington
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Hewes, Charles Leslie
Hewes, Charles Wesley
Hunt, Clarence Melville
Kales, Martin William
Kendall, Alpheus
Koser, Newton Alexander
Lamoureaux, Philias Henry
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Martin, John
Mauzy, Byron
Meek, Horry Wert
Meek, William Elsworth
Metcalf, George Dickson
Michaels, Henry
Morris, Moses
Nutting, Charles Wilber
O'Donnell, Francis Henry E.
Parsons, Thomas *J*
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall
Payne, George Henry
Perkins, Alfred Thomas

Phillips, John Waterman
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Randall, Charles Wells
Robbins, Henry Russell
Robinson, Edmund Constant
Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Samson, Martin Meyer
Schleuter, Herman Francis
Sears, Herman *B*
Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Spreckels, Richard
Stone, Andrew *L*
Stone, Louis *S*
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Taylor, Albert Mills
Twombly, Charles Henry
Wall, Joseph George
Walsh, Edward Marion
Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Williams, John
Woodin, Eugene
Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablonsky, John—94.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Jones, Herbert Ellis—1.

DIED:

Nordhausen, Ernest Albert
Winchester, Ebenezer—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....89	Suspended for N. P. D 1
Greeted..... 8—97.	Died..... 2
	Now borne upon the roll.....94—97.

GATEWAY COUNCIL, U. D.

Auburn, Placer County.

Stated meetings, third Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Jacob Hart Neff, *Th. Ill. Master*,
John Gould Bisbee, *Dep. Ill. Master*,
John Mathias Fulweiler, *Prin. C. W.*,
John Chisholm, *Treasurer*,
David Wlademer Lubeck, *Recorder*,
William Albert Crowell, *C. of Guards*,
Alexander Kelley Robinson, *Cond'r*,
William Isaac May, *Steward*,
Edmund Doyle Brown, *Sentinel*.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ackerman, Francis Marion
Bell, Joseph Vincent
Coker, Gould Carlton
Coombs, William
Curtis, Henry Chittenden
Delano, Ira Lemuel
Disque, Henry
Fulton, Johnathan
Gladding, Albert James
Jansen, Walter
Lardner, William Bransen
Martin, Charles

McAnnich, John
Roberts, William Robert
Rooney, Robert Fleming
Smith, Benjamin Franklin
Sparks, William Martin
Stevenson, Thomas
Todd, Thomas Milton—28.

RECAPITULATION:

Petitioners for dispensation.10
Affiliated 2
Greeted.....16—28.
Now borne upon the roll.....28.

LIST OF THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1897.

	Names of Councils.	No. Council.	Place of Location.		Date when Charter was ordered.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspend'd for non. pay. Dues	Suspend'd for Unmas. Cond.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
			Town.	County.												
1	Sacramento. . .	1	Sacramento, . .	Sacramento, . .	June 27, 1860.	17	1	. . .	3	. . .	. . .	. . .	2	3	205	$119 50
2	California	2	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	" " "	5	1	7	19	. . .	5	. . .	. . .	7	245	127 50
3	Marysville . . .	3	Marysville, ...	Yuba	" " "	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	84	42 00
*	Sierra Nevada	4	Placerville, ...	El Dorado, . . .	" " "	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . . .
4	Sonora	5	Sonora, ...	Tuolumne, ...	May 8, 1861.	10	. . .	. . .	1	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	2	36	38 00
5	Shasta	6	Shasta, ...	Shasta, ...	May 7, 1862.	5	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	43	26 50
*	Virginia	7	Virginia City, .	Nevada State, .	Oct. 18, 1865.	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . . .
*	Yreka	8	Yreka, ...	Siskiyou, ...	Oct. 22, 1868.	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . . .
6	Helena	9	Helena, ...	Montana State	" " "	. . . .	. . .	. . .	11	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	53	26 50
7	Stockton	10	Stockton, ...	San Joaquin, .	April 7, 1870.	7	. . .	1	1	. . .	2	. . .	. . .	2	72	43 00
8	Los Angeles . .	11	Los Angeles, . .	Los Angeles, . .	April 13, 1871.	11	. . . . .	. . .	1	1	5	. . .	. . .	. . . .	72	47 00
9	Oakland	12	Oakland, ...	Alameda, ...	April 12, 1883.	8	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	. . .	. . .	2	94	55 00
10	Gateway	13	Auburn, ...	Placer, ...	April 19, 1897.	16	12	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	28	30 00
11	Santa Ana	UD.	Santa Ana, ...	Orange, ...	. . . . .	. . . .	9	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	9	. . . . .
	Totals . . .					79	23	8	36	2	13	. . .	2	17	941	$555 00

* Charter surrendered.

GRAND COUNCILS
IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,
With Addresses of Grand Recorders.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorders.	Residence.
ALABAMA,	H. CLAY ARMSTRONG,	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS,	JAMES A. HENRY,	Little Rock.
CANADA,	SIDNEY J. SANFORD,	Barrie.
CONNECTICUT,	JAMES MCCORMICK,	Hartford.
ENGLAND AND WALES,	C. F. MATIER,	Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen St., London, W.C.
FLORIDA,	JOHN CARLOVITZ,	Milton.
GEORGIA,	W. A. WOLIHIN,	Albany.
ILLINOIS,	GIL. W. BARNARD,	Chicago.
INDIANA,	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE,	Indianapolis.
INDIAN TERRITORY,	JOSEPH S. MURROW,	Atoka.
KANSAS,	A. M. CALLAHAM,	Topeka.
KENTUCKY,	L. D. CRONINGER,	Covington.
LOUISIANA,	RICHARD LAMBERT,	New Orleans.
MAINE,	STEPHEN BERRY,	Portland.
MARYLAND,	GEORGE L. MCCAHAN,	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,	SERANUS BOWEN,	Boston.
MICHIGAN,	JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,	Coldwater.
MINNESOTA,	THOMAS MONTGOMERY,	St. Paul.
MISSISSIPPI,	J.L. POWER,	Jackson.
MISSOURI,	WILLIAM H. MAYO,	St. Louis.
NEBRASKA,	WM. R. BOWEN,	Omaha.
NEW BRUNSWICK,	ROBERT MARSHALL,	St. John.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	GEORGE P. CLEAVES,	Concord.
NEW JERSEY,	CHARLES BECHTEL,	Trenton.
NEW YORK,	GEORGE VAN VLIET,	16 Eighth Avenue, New York City.
NORTH CAROLINA,	JAMES C. MUNDS,	Wilmington.
OHIO,	WILLIAM E. EVANS,	Chillicothe.
OREGON,	SETH L. POPE,	Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA,	JOSHUA L. LYTE,	Lancaster.
RHODE ISLAND,	WILLIAM R. GREENE,	Providence.
SCOTLAND,	ROBERT S. BROWN,	5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.
SOUTH CAROLINA,	ZIMMERMAN DAVIS,	Charleston.
TENNESSEE,	WM. A. CLENDENING,	Nashville.
VERMONT,	WARREN G. REYNOLDS,	Burlington.
WASHINGTON,	EDWARD R. HARE,	Tacoma.
WISCONSIN,	JOHN W. LAFLIN,	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. COUNCIL U. S.,	HENRY W. MORDHURST,	Fort Wayne, Ind.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Connecticut	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
Georgia	Robert Ash	San Francisco.
Illinois	*——— ———	———.
Indiana	William Hewson Davis,	Sacramento.
Kansas	Henry Ascroft	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Minnesota	*——— ———	———.
Missouri	George Penlington	San Francisco.
Nebraska	*———	———.
New Hampshire	Ewdard Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
North Carolina	William Hewson Davis	Sacramento.
Ohio	Wm. Frank Pierce,	Oakland.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	Ewdard Richards Hedges	Stockton.
Rhode Island	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.

* Deceased.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	*	
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Connecticut	Alexander B. Shumway	Litchfield.
Georgia	Christopher F. Lewis	Augusta.
Illinois	John A. Ladd	Sterling.
Indiana	Orlando W. Brownback	Pendleton.
Kansas	Robert E. Torrington	Wichita.
Kentucky	James Dysert Lewis	Louisville.
Louisiana	Samuel Manning Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland.
Maryland	Albert Benedict Lyman	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Eugene H. Richards	Boston.
Michigan	*	
Minnesota	W. A. Spaulding	Minneapolis.
Missouri	Thomas Seal	St. Louis.
Nebraska	Edwin A. Allen	North Loup.
New Hampshire	John F. Maynard	Ashland.
New Jersey	John M. Knapp	Ridgewood.
New York	Theodore H. Barber	Syracuse.
North Carolina	W. F. Randolph	Asheville.
Ohio	Edwin Morrell	Columbus.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	George Laing	Pittsburgh.
Rhode Island	Robert S. Franklin	Newport.
South Carolina	John R. Allen	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Vermont	George W. Wing	Montpelier.

* Deceased.

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council June 26, A. Dep. 2860

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN ASHBY TUTT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1868.

*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Master;*
*STEPHEN WING,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*LEONARD GOSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

*STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1879.

EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1886.

CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1891.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ...*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1892.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1893.

*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1894.

GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1895.

CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, ...*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1896.

WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1897.

HENRY ASCROFT, ...*Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER:

HENRY ASCROFT,

SAN FRANCISCO,

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL.

SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTICE.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the eighteenth day of April, A. D. 1898, Anno Dep. 2898, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THOS. H. CASWELL,

Grand Recorder.

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TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

M.·. I.·. GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT ITS

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

HELD AT THE

MASONIC TEMPLE, IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

ON

MONDAY, APRIL 18, A. D., 1898, A. DEP. 2898.

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GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE

Year Commencing April, A. D. 1898, A. Dep. 2898.

M.·. I.·. ROBERT ASH,.....GRAND MASTER,.....*San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. AUG. WACKERBARTH..DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, *Los Angeles;*
R.·. I.·. JACOB HART NEFF..{GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS,} *Colfax;*
R.·. I.·. FRANKLIN H. DAY,....GRAND TREASURER,.....*San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. THOS. H. CASWELL,...GRAND RECORDER,.....*San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. THOS. KYLE,.....GRAND CHAPLAIN,.....*San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. WILLIAM BYRON SCARBOROUGH,{GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS,} *Los A;*
R.·. I.·. JOHN GOULD BISBEE,.{GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL,} *Auburn;*
R.·. I.·. WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS...GRAND LECTURER,...*Sacramento;*
R.·. I.·. ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT,.GRAND STEWARD, *.Oakland;*
Ill.·. SAMUEL D. MAYER,...GRAND ORGANIST, ...*San Francisco;*
Ill.·. SAMUEL WARBURTON,.....GRAND SENTINEL..*San Francisco.*

GRAND COUNCIL
OF
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California commenced its thirty-eighth Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Monday, the eighteenth day of April, A. D. 1898, A. Dep. 2898, at ten o'clock A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. Ill.·.* HENRY ASCROFT.....*Grand Master;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* ROBERT ASH,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* AUGUST WACKERBARTH,....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,...*Grand Treasurer;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,*Grand Recorder;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Chaplain;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,....*As Grand Captain of the Guards;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* JACOB HART NEFF,.....*Grand Conductor of the Council;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* WM. BYRON SCARBOROUGH, *Grand Steward;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Lecturer;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,....*Grand Organist;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL WARBURTON, ...*As Grand Sentinel.*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Past Grand Master.*
" *M.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON,..... " " "

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS:

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....Arkansas;
ROBERT ASH,.....Georgia;
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS.....Indiana;
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....Louisiana;
HENRY ASCROFT,.....Kansas;
THOMAS KYLE,.....Kentucky;
CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....Maine and New York;
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE.....Maryland;
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....Massachusetts;
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....Missouri;
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....New Hampshire and Pennsylvania;
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT.....South Carolina;
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....Vermont.

And the Representatives of eight chartered Councils, and delegate of Council under dispensation, with several Past Thrice Illustrious Masters by service under this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being a sufficient representation present, the Grand Council of California was opened in Ample Form, with music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee—

On Credentials:..... { Comp. William Frank Pierce, " Jacob Hart Neff, " Wm. Hewson Davis.

After a short recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of chartered Councils, delegate of Council under dispensation, and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, as being present and entitled to seats, viz.:—

Sacramento,.No. 1,.. { JAMES ELLSWORTH THOMPSON, Dep. Ill. Master. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, EDWIN GLOVER, WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, } P.Th. Ill. Mas'rs.

California,...No. 2,.. { HENRY ASCROFT, Th. Ill. M. and P. Th. Ill. M; GEORGE PENLINGTON, Prin. Con. of the Works and P. Th. Ill. Master. THOMAS KYLE, WILLIAM THOS. REYNOLDS, FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, CHARLES LORD FIELD, ROBERT ASH, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Marysville,.. No. 3,.. { WILLIAM ANDREW LOWREY, Th. Ill. Master; CHARLES *E* STONE, Past Th. Ill. Master.

Shasta,.....No. 6,.. { JEWETT SCRANTON, Deputy Ill. Master; DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, Past Th. Ill. Master.

Stockton,.....No. 10,.... { EDW. RICHARDS HEDGES, Th. Ill. M. and Past Th. Ill. Master. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, P. Th. Ill. Master.

Los Angeles,..No. 11,.. { WILLIAM BYRON SCARBOROUGH, Th. Ill. Master, and Past Th. Ill. Master; JOHN CALVIN CUNNINGHAM, Prox. for Dep. Ill. M. GEORGE SINSABAUGH, Prin. Con. of the Works. GRANVILLE QUINCY STUART, AUGUST WACKERBARTH, } P. Th. Ill. Masters;

Oakland,....No. 12,.. { ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT, Th. Ill. Master; JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, AUGUST LEWIS OTT. } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Gateway,....No. 13,... { JOHN GOULD BISBEE, Th. Ill. Master; JACOB HART NEFF, Past Th. Ill. Master.

Santa Ana,. U. D.... { JAMES HEDGES HALL, Delegate of Council.

Which report was concurred in, and the Companions named were admitted to seats.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following regular committees:—

On Jurisprudence:

Comp. William Abraham Davies,
" Edward Richards Hedges,
" William Thomas Reynolds.

On Appeals and Grievances:

Comp. Charles Lord Field,
" Charles *E* Stone,
" August Wackerbarth.

On Finances and Returns:

Comp. James Bestor Merritt,
" Thomas Kyle,
" Jacob Hart Neff.

On New Councils:

Comp. Robert Ash,
" William Byron Scarborough,
" Daniel Potter Bystle.

The Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:—

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:

We are once more graciously permitted the enjoyment of our annual reunion, within these hallowed precincts: once again to grasp the warm

hand of fraternal friendship; reciprocate the cordial greeting, and bask in the genial smile of staunch companions, tried and true; and in this kindred spirit to confer in the great cause of promoting and exalting the best interests and welfare of the Cryptic Rite. I feel that I voice the sentiment of every companion present, in affirming, that for blessings such as these vouchsafed to us; we are profoundly and inexpressibly thankful to the Supreme Grand Master in the realms beyond; whose aid and wisdom we supplicate, to guide our hearts and actions in the work He has intrusted to our care.

Since our last assembly, Time, with his relentless scythe, has dealt gently with us, having severed only one link in the chain that binds together the chosen few:—Companion JAMES OGLESBY, Grand Sentinel of this Grand Council, passed away to a well-earned rest, December 19, 1897:—For his many years of undeviating, courteous, trustworthy, and faithful service in the cause of Freemasonry, he will be long remembered, and difficult, if even possible to replace. I would suggest that a page in the printed proceedings of this Grand Council be devoted to his memory.

"The social, friendly, honest man
Where'er he be—
'Tis he fulfills great nature's plan,
And none but he."

We realize with fervent gratitude, the success attained in Council Circles during the past year, not so particularly in view of increased membership, as in the fact that Unity, Strength, Peace and Plenty, reign supreme throughout this jurisdiction. The year has rolled by without a ripple to mar the smooth surface of the current:—hence a successful year; made more apparent when the depressed condition of financial and commercial interests are taken into consideration; future prospects being bright, let the glad encouragement of the present hour be an incentive to more earnest effort, more courage and enthusiasm to establish upon a broader and firmer basis the beautiful Degrees of our well-loved Rite.

Los Angeles Council No. 11, I visited October 5, 1897. Special mention must be given this Council, which is unquestionably the Banner Council, R. & S. M. of California. With *Th.·. Ill.·.* W. B. SCARBOROUGH at the "helm", and every officer proficient in his work, the Degrees conferred during my visit were admirably executed; and in testimony of their commendable assiduity, their records show an increase of 92 members during the past year. Unity and enthusiasm prevail throughout their charmed circle. To Companions *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master W. B. SCARBOROUGH, Past Grand Master H. S. ORME and Past *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master AUGUST WACKERBARTH, I am deeply indebted for an exceptionally gratifying visit and a generous hospitality.

October 6, 1897, I visited Santa Ana, and had a pleasant and satisfactory interview with the Officers of *Santa Ana* Council U. D. Owing to an unavoidable absence of *Th.·. Ill.·.* J. W. TOWNER, they had not had any

work; nevertheless from all appearance, they will, in my judgment, ere long, more than atone for time lost. Companions TOWNER, BUNDY, HALL, WILDER and WHIDDEN are "Metal of the true ring", who will not be slow profiting by the example given in their neighbor Council:—with pleasure I recommend that a charter be granted to them.

Stockton Council, No. 10, I visited January 19, 1898, and witnessed the work done in their usual creditable manner. Past Grand Master EDWARD RICHARD HEDGES still "holds the fort" and post of honor, none having dared to dispute his rightful possession of the same—consecutively—for the past fifteen years. Further comment is surely unnecessary; nothing I can say could possibly add to his popularity, or the estimation in which he is held by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. In this visit I was accompanied and ably assisted by Past Grand Masters FRANKLIN H. DAY and GEORGE PENLINGTON, and Companion W. T. PERKINS, who unite with me in sincerely thanking the Companions of *Stockton* Council No. 10, for their cordial reception and generous hospitality.

Sacramento Council, No. 1, February 28, 1898. Companions of *Sacramento* Council seem to be passing through an exceedingly dull spell, tending to make *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master CHARLES GOSS take too despondent a view of the situation. However, in all probability, the present hour, with them, is the darkest before the dawn, and better times are in store for this our Mother Council of the State. The work of the evening was characterized by energetic earnestness, and taking "all in all," well done. I tender my fraternal thanks to the Companions of *Sacramento* Council for their kind invitation and hospitable reception.

Oakland Council, No. 12, in response to a very cordial invitation, and accompanied by Companions George Penlington, W. T. Perkins and Robert Ash, was visited March 31, 1898; witnessed the work done in their usual happy vein; the officers being ably assisted and supported by their "guide, philosopher and friend," Past *Th.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, whose rendition of the Super-Excellent Degree was "perfect as perfect is." Ample provision was made for the inner man; in a word every Companion present seemed content with himself and all the world besides. Companions Penlington, Perkins and Ash join me in thanks to Companions of *Oakland* Council for the privilege and pleasure of an evening well spent.

Marysville Council, No. 3, *Sonora* Council, No. 5, *Shasta* Council, No. 6, and *Helena* Council, No. 9, I have communicated with. Companion WALTER E. FREDERICK, *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master of *Helena* Council, No. 9, responding, informs me that they are passing over a very bad year financially, failure of the banks had wrought hard times. Yet withal, Companions are beginning to see the "silver lining," and hopefully anticipate a revival of Council interests in the near future.

Gateway Council, No. 13, is somewhat dormant for the time being, nevertheless could not be in better hands. We shall doubtless realize with pleasure and satisfaction how much can be accomplished when our es-

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teemed Companion JACOB HART NEFF, *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master can snatch from the multiplicity of duties incumbent upon him, the time and strength necessary to unbar the gate.

California Council, No. 2, though last, not least. The records of *California* Council will bear the test of investigation, and challenge criticism; however, this being my Home Council, I prefer, with your permission, to leave the criticism thereof to my worthy successor in office.

May 26, 1897, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, changing the time of meeting from the fourth Saturday to the first Tuesday in each month.

The Sixth Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council, R. & S. M., convened Oct. 11, 1897 in the city of Baltimore, Maryland. Pressure of business denied me the pleasure of attending said Assembly, whereupon Past Grand Master WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ever alert in the welfare and advancement of Cryptic Masonry, kindly acted as Representative of this Grand Council on that occasion.

September 15, 1897, I received from Companion T. M. BARBER, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Council of New York, a courteous note, conveying, in behalf of Grand Master JOHN F. BALDWIN, his "esteem and good wishes for the prosperity of the Cryptic Rite whithersoever dispersed." Sentiments that I heartily reciprocated and duly acknowledged.

December 2, 1897, I received communication from *Th.·. Ill.·.* Companion ZACHARY T. WALROUD, Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Indian Territory, desiring an interchange of Grand Representatives, and informing me that he had nominated Companion JABEZ H. MANN, of McAllister, in the Choctaw Country, to represent this Grand Council near theirs. I thereupon forwarded his credentials, and suggested our esteemed Companion Past Grand Master, W. H. DAVIS, as a worthy representative of their Grand Council near this Grand Council.

In January, 1898, observing a vacancy in the offices of Grand Representative of Illinois near our Grand Council, I communicated with Grand Master SYLVESTER SPRING, suggesting our worthy Companion W. B. SCARBOROUGH, as eminently qualified to fill the position, and in due time received his commission, which I at once forwarded to him.

February 23, 1898, at the request of Grand Council of Arkansas, I signed a commission for Companion GAYLORD Z. KLOCK, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of California, near the Grand Council of Arkansas.

March 26, 1898, at the request of Companion S. S. YOYE, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, I issued a commission to Companion REUBEN E. TAFT, as Grand Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, in place of Companion GEORGE LAING, suspended.

As the representative of the Grand Council of Kansas, near this Grand Council, I announce with pleasure the steady and increasing prosperity of the Grand Council of Kansas, and who, together with this Grand Council enjoy and reciprocate the most cordial relationship.

In conclusion, Companions, having nothing further of importance to communicate, and my term of responsibility having expired, I resign into your hands this emblem of power intrusted to me; and I *thank* you with the deepest sense of gratitude, for the confidence reposed and the honor conferred.

Let us fervently hope and trust that that one and all Companions, present and absent, inspired with the propitious influence of the Supreme Wisdom, and guided by the presence of the Divine Spirit in every thought and action, may be permitted long years to labor, with unswerving fidelity and zeal in the welfare of this beautiful branch of the Masonic Tree.

HENRY ASCROFT,
Grand Master.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., APRIL 18, 1898.

Which Address was referred to a special committee of three. The Deputy Grand Master appointed as such committee—

On Grand Master's Address ..... { Comp. William Abraham Davies, " William Frank Pierce, " Edward Richards Hedges.

The Grand Recorder presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

As required by the Constitution of Grand Council, the undersigned respectfully reports the following official transactions of his office since the last Annual Assembly, together with a statement of the receipts and expenditures, and other matters proper to be considered by the Grand Council.

By reason of the serious illness of your Grand Recorder the issue of the proceedings of the last Annual Assembly was materially delayed; but as soon as was possible the transactions thereat were printed and the usual distribution made—being one copy to each Grand and Past Grand Officer, five copies to the General Grand Council, one copy to each of our Representatives near sister Grand Councils, three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in commnnication, and four copies to each of our subordinate Councils.

The charter to *Gateway* Council, No. 13, ordered at the last Annual Assembly, was issued, and the Council duly constituted and its officers installed by the *M.·. Ill.·.* WM. HEWSON DAVIS, Past Grand Master, on the tenth day of May, 1897.

The dispensation issued on the twenty-sixth day of March, 1897, for the forming of *Santa Ana* Council, located at Santa Ana, Orange County, in this State, with all the papers required by the Constitution, the record book, and book of By-Laws, together with a petition for its perpetuation by charter, are herewith submitted for reference to the Committee on New Councils.

Commissions to Representatives near other Grand Councils were issued by order of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, as follows:

On the second day of December, 1897, to Comp. DAVID H. MANN, near the Grand Council of Indian Territory; and

On the twenty-sixth day of March, 1898, to Comp. REUBEN E. TAFT, near the Grand Council of Pennsylvania. Courteous acceptances have been received from the Ill. Companions, and are filed in our archives.

The following, collated from the returns of subordinate Councils, shows a greater net increase in our membership for the year, than has been shown for any one year since the organization of Grand Council:—

Number greeted during the year	122	
Number affiliated	11	
Number restored	4	
Total Increase		137
Number withdrawn	15	
Number suspended, N. P. D	17	
Number excluded	7	
Number expelled	1	
Number died	20	
Total Decrease		60
Showing a net gain for the year of		77

Number of affiliated Royal and Select Masters on January 31, 1898, 1018.

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder's office since the last Annual Assembly:—

RECEIPTS:

Charter fee for *Gateway* Council, No. 13							$ 20 00
Sacramento Council, No. 1, dues to February 1, 1898							110 00
California	"	No. 2,	"	"	"	"	132 50
Marysville	"	No. 3,	"	"	"	"	42 00
Sonora	"	No. 5,	"	"	"	"	26 50
Shasta	"	No. 6,	"	"	"	"	27 00
Helena	"	No. 9,	"	"	"	"	26 50
Stockton	"	No. 10,	"	"	"	"	35 50
Los Angeles	"	No. 11,	"	"	"	"	127 00
Oakland	"	No. 12,	"	"	"	"	49 00
Carried forward							$596 00

		Brought forward	$596 00
Gateway	" No. 13, " " " "		13 50
Santa Ana	" U. D., dues to April 1, 1898		40 50
" "	" " charter fee		20 00
Dividend from Montana Bank			6 62
	Total receipts for the year		$676 62

Paid to Grand Treasurer as per his receipts herewith presented...$676 62
Thirteen warrants upon the Grand Treasurer have been drawn for the aggregate amount of.....$616 84

All which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of *receipts and disbursements* since the last Annual Assembly:—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council R. & S. M. of California:—

1897.			
April 19.	To balance cash on hand		$ 620 20
Aug. 25.	" received from Grand Recorder	$ 20 00	
Oct. 25.	" " " " "	6 62	
1898.			
Mch. 3.	" " " " "	471 00	
April 12.	" " " " "	179 00	
	Receipts.		676 62
1897.			$1,296 82
May 6.	By paid Edwin A. Sherman, Voucher No. 1..	$ 65 00	
May 22.	" " Thos. H. Caswell, " " 2..	31 25	
May 22.	" " James Oglesby, " " 3..	7 50	
June 10.	" " Samuel D. Mayer, " " 4..	7 50	
July 22.	" " Geo. Spaulding & Co., " " 5..	229 34	
Aug. 25.	" " Thos. H. Caswell, " " 6..	10 00	
Aug. 25.	" " " " " 7..	5 00	
Aug. 25.	" " " " " 8..	31 25	
Sept. 18.	" " Frank Eastman & Co., " " 9..	10 00	
Dec. 21.	" " Thos. H. Caswell, " " 10..	31 25	
	Carried forward	$428 09	

1898.			*Brought forward*.....		$428	09
Mch. 7.	"	"	Henry Ashcroft,	Voucher No. 11..	150	00
April 12.	"	"	Thos. H. Caswell,	" " 12..	31	25
April 16.	"	"	Frank Eastman & Co.,	" " 13..	7	50
				Disbursements. ———	616	84
April 18.	Balance cash on hand.....				$ 679	98

All which is respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, the reading of which was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of R.·. and S.·. M.·. of California:—

I herewith respectfully present my Sixth Annual Report on Fraternal Correspondence for the year ending, April 1897.

The proceedings of the following Grand Councils have been received and reviewed, there being thirty in all, including the General Grand Council of its Sixth Triennial Assembly held in Baltimore in October 11, 1897, making five more than was received and reviewed last year, and some being for several years, which necessarily has made this report more voluminous not only on that account but others of interest concerning the Cryptic Rite. Those of New Brunswick having been received as well as of Colorado, the latter for information only and not of recognition as a legitimate Grand Council *de jure* but *de facto* it having been recognized by the most of the twelve independent Grand Councils which have appointed representatives to and received representatives from it, and relations of amity and comity established with it of the most fraternal and distinguished consideration and assurances. We have for information *only* reviewed it for the past two years as questions of vital importance in connection with it of great interest to all identified with the Cryptic Rite have made it necessary. We do not believe in the mere skimming in a review, where there are matters of so much interest to our Companions, and the throwing away of money to pay for the printing of the names of the Grand Councils and giving as the French term it *le role de d'equipage*, or in English, a list of the crew; but matter that is worthy of the attention and time required to read and digest, the valuable information that such a review and report ought to contain.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, 1897.

ARKANSAS	1897	MINNESOTA	1897
COLORADO	1897	MISSOURI	1897
CONNECTICUT	1897	MISSISSIPPI	1897
ENGLAND AND WALES	1897	NEBRASKA	1897
GEORGIA	1897	NEW BRUNSWICK	1867, 1898
ILLINOIS	1897	NEW JERSEY	1898
INDIANA	1897	NEW YORK	1897
INDIAN TERRITORY	1897	NORTH CAROLINA	1896, 1897
KANSAS	1898	OHIO	1897
KENTUCKY	1897	OREGON	1897
LOUISIANA	1897	PENNSYLVANIA	1897
MAINE	1897	TENNESSEE	1897
MARYLAND	1897	VERMONT	1897
MASSACHUSETTS	1897	WASHINGTON	1897
MICHIGAN	1897		

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S. M. OF U. S. A.

1897.

In accordance with the Constitution and pursuant to a call by the Most Puissant General Grand Master JOHN W. COBURN, the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America met at the Masonic Temple in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, on Monday, October 11th, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M., it being the Sixth Triennial Assembly.

General Grand Officers present:—*M.·. P.·.* JOHN W. COBURN of New York, General Grand Master; BRADFORD NICHOL of Tennessee, General Grand Deputy Master; ————, General Grand Principal Conductor; CHARLES H. HENTON of Vermont, General Grand Treasurer; HENRY W. MORDHURST of Indiana, General Grand Recorder; WILLIAM H. MAYO of Missouri, General Grand Captain of the Guard; SERUNUS BOWEN of Massachusetts, General Grand Conductor of the Council; ————, General Grand Marshal, and ANDREW P. SWANSTROM of Minnesota, General Grand Steward. There were thirty-three permanent members present from fifteen States, including *M.·. I.·. P.·. G.·. M.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE of California. There were twenty out of twenty-two Grand Councils represented by thirty-seven present, of which twenty-two were *proxies*. There were seven subordinate Councils represented from Washington, D. C., Arizona, North Dakota, South Dakota, six of whom were represented by *proxies*, Oregon and Washington Grand Councils being unrepresented.

Before the General Grand Council was opened, the Grand Council of Maryland, in its Council Chamber, was opened in Ample Form to receive the General Grand Council, which had assembled in an adjoining hall, then marched in in regular order of procession, escorted by the Reception Committee, and were most cordially and fraternally welcomed by Most Illustrious HENRY C. LARRABEE, Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Council of Maryland, and the Companions of the City of Balti-

more. This was duly responded to by the *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master in fitting terms. The Grand Council of Maryland then withdrew, and the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the United States of America was duly opened in Ample Form.

The General Grand Master, JOHN W. COBURN, then delivered his Address, from which we take the following extracts:—

"COMPANIONS:—I greet you with hearty welcome to the Sixth Assembly of the General Grand Council. Again we meet after three years of individual work in our various Jurisdictions, as well as in the general field for the advancement of Cryptic Masonry; to look upon the result, to criticise our labor; and to consider and act upon such measures as we trust shall be for the best interests of our well-loved rite. Giving thanks to the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe for the success we have achieved, for the blessings we have received during our parting, and for this opportunity of again assembling in social intercourse and fraternal love, with hand in hand and heart to heart, enjoying our peculiarly happy privilege of brightening the chain of friendship; let us invoke His aid and the presence of His all-powerful love and wisdom, to influence our hearts and minds in the labors we are about entering upon.

IN MEMORIAM.

With bowed heads and tender hearts we look upon the broken triangle, and thinking of the virtues and merits of those we can not welcome here, whose work in this vault is ended, on whom the Sabbath of Eternity has dawned; links of our earthly chain taken to form our never-breaking and ever-bright heavenly chain; we give honor to their memory."

Then follows a tender eulogy upon the illustrious dead, including *M.·. Ill.·.* Past Grand Masters, WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER and STEPHEN WING, of California.

COUNCILS UNDER DISPENSATION.

Fixty-six dispensations have been issued for new Councils—during December, 1894, two; in 1895, twenty-nine; in 1896, twenty-four; during January, 1897, one. Located in Washington, one; Utah, one; Arizona, two; Idaho, two; Colorado, three; New Mexico, four; Nevada, four; Wyoming, five; North Dakota, nine; Montana, ten, and South Dakota, fifteen. Some of these bodies, beset with difficulties, have been unable to carry to success the work entered upon, nine thereof having surrendered their dispensations; one has passed under the jurisdiction of the new Grand Council of Washington.

He reports the constituting of the Grand Councils of the State of Washington and Indian Territory of which we made mention in our report of last year.

COLORADO.

"In the beginning of January, 1895, I received information from our General Grand Recorder that *T.·. I.·.* WILLIAM A. MCGREW, Master of *Denver* Council, Col., and certain other Companions in the State had undertaken the formation of a Grand Council for that Jurisdiction, and that he had addressed a reply to Companion MCGREW, setting forth the irregularity of such attempt, and pointing out the proper method of attaining

the result they wished for. Considering that the action of our companions was had in ignorance of law and method of procedure, I directed him, after a reasonable time for response to his reply should have passed without evidence of retreat from the position assumed, to notify the Masters and Councils concerned, kindly but firmly, of their error and illegal action, and, that while all aid would be given them towards forming a proper Grand Council, any attempt to act illegally or to sustain their wrong-doing would result in the arrest of the charters of the Councils so offendin.g About fifteen days having passed without any response, Companion MORDHURST notified the Masters of the various Councils, whereupon *Cañon City* Council, No. 5, *T.·. I.·.* J. H. PEABODY, Master, promptly made answer, disclaiming having taken part in the illegal action, or being chargeable with any offense in the premises.

"In the *interim*, about the close of January, I received a letter from Companion MCGREW, announcing that on December 6, 1894, the six Councils holding charters in Colorado, acting in good faith, had established the Grand Council of Colorado, that he had so advised the General Grand Recorder, and enclosed a copy of a reply to such officer setting forth his position in the case. This communication I sent immediate answer to, calling his attention to the unlawful proceeding of our Companions and naming the proper course to pursue, calling for a retreat from the erroneous position taken, and assuring my assistance in the formation of a Grand Council in the proper manner, and stating that the thought that our Companions had acted hurriedly, and under misunderstanding of the law, and expecting a correction of their error upon being informed thereof, had caused me to delay any forcible action so far. (See appendix No. 2.)

"No response was received, except as noted from the Master of *Cañon City* Council, up to May 15, 1895, when an order was issued suspending from office the Masters of *Denver*, No. 1; *Rocky Mountain*, No. 2; *Durango*, No. 3; *Akron*, No. 4; *Pueblo*, No. 7, and placing Councils under charge of the Deputy Masters. (See appendix, No. 3.)

"It soon became apparent that the leaders in this attempt to form a Grand Council intended to remain steadfast in their action. The charters of the Councils concerned were virtually forfeited, and to take any further action as to punishment did not appear to me to be either wise or within the proper scope of my duty, as it should be inflicted, if necessary, by the General Grand Council, or under its direction by the executive officer.

"In April, 1896, I received a letter from *T.·. I.·.* J. C. SANFORD, which led to a correspondence (see appendix No. 4), from which I at one time had hoped the way might be shown for a solution of the existing difficulty. The hope has failed of realization. The Colorado companions still adhere to the correctness of their position; still attempt the powers of a regular Grand Council, as is shown in the publication of their proceedings.

"In November, 1896, *T.·. I.·.* WILLIAM L. SHOCKEY, as the executive of this so-called grand body, wrote me (see appendix No. 5) requesting their recognition as a Grand Council, and a constituent of the General Grand Council, to which I replied (see appendix No. 6), stating their request was beyond my authority to grant, it being alone within the province of the General Grand Council, to consider such proposition, and again urged their placing themselves in condition to be regularly constituted, and offering, if the allegiance clauses (here as elsewhere even more strenuously objected to) were the only 'stumbling blocks' in the way, to accept ratification of our Constitution in lieu of their adoption. In tendering this offer, thereby departing from the established precedent, I was influenced to do so by a strong desire for the restoration of harmony, and aiding the progress of Cryptic interests.

"According to my promise to Com. SHOCKEY, I submit their request.

"I have given above a statement of action in this matter, and wishing to avoid confusion, have placed the full correspondence before you in an appendix, making reference thereto, and which will fully show my ideas of our law and the claims of our companions of Colorado in revolt."

After referring to other matters he says:—

"CONCLUSION.

"Accepting the honors of office necessitates bearing its cares, and makes one's actions subjects of criticism, therefore I wish to confess that the errors I have committed have been purely of judgment—faults of the mind, not of the heart—and now, my dear companions, in leaving this exalted station, which through your kindness and affection I have held, I give you my best thanks for the favors you have unstintingly showered upon me since I first had the privilege and enjoyed the happiness of meeting you at the assembly of 1886. I ask from you a continuance of your fraternal love on my return to the floor.

"JOHN W. COBURN,
"Grand Master."

Then follows the Appendix, with all the correspondence.

The net increase of membership for the last three years has been 4,102, there being 27,917 now upon the rolls as per the report of the General Grand Recorder.

RECEPTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Comp. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, was then introduced and received with Grand honors.

RECEPTION OF PAST GENERAL GRAND MASTERS.

The Most Puissant General Grand Master called attention to the fact that the Senior Past General Grand Master, Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND of Maine, was in attendance upon the session of the General Grand Council for the first time since its organization in 1880. He invited the distinguished companion to the East and extended to him a fitting greeting, which was feelingly responded to by Comp. DRUMMOND.

The following named Past General Grand Masters were then also received with suitable honors and escorted to seats in the East, to wit:—

M.·. P.·. GEORGE M. OSGOODBY of New York; *M.·. P.·.* GEORGE J. PINKARD of Louisiana; *M.·. P.·.* ORESTES A. B. SENTER of Ohio.

First Day—Afternoon Session:—The General Grand Council was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M. The same officers and representatives present.

GRAND COUNCIL OF MISSISSIPPI.

P.·. G.·. G.·. M.·. ORESTES A. B. SENTER introduced the following, which, on motion of Comp. CHARLES H. HEATON of Vermont, was unanimously adopted:—

"WHEREAS, The report of Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Council of Maine for the year 1894, and the Address of Comp. FREDERIC SPEED, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Mississippi for the year 1895, present facts that

conclusively show that a misunderstanding has existed in the minds of our Companions of Mississippi for some years past as to the attitude of the General Grand Council towards the Grand Council of Mississippi; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That the General Grand Council, through its Grand Master, extend to the companions of the Grand Council of Mississippi its fraternal greetings and its best wishes for the prosperity of the Cryptic Rite in Mississippi."

RECEPTION OF GRAND MASTER OF MISSISSIPPI.

M.·. Ill.·. FREDERIC SPEED, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Mississippi, was announced and received with Grand honors, escorted to the East and greeted by the *R.·. P.·.* General Grand Master in fitting terms.

M.·. Ill.·. Grand Master SPEED then made an eloquent response.

GRAND MASTER OF TEMPLARS WELCOMED.

Most Eminent WARREN LARUE THOMAS, Grand Master of Templars, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kentucky, was introduced and welcomed, and conducted to the East, when he returned his acknowledgments for this courtesy in an appropriate manner.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were elected for the ensuing term, viz:—BRADFORD NICHOL, of Tennessee, *R.·. P.·.* General Grand Master; WILLIAM H. MAYO, of Missouri, *R.·. P.·.* General Grand Deputy Master; SERANUS BROWN, of Massachusetts, *R.·. P.·.* General Grand Principal Conductor; CHARLES H. HEATON, of Vermont, *R.·. P.·.* General Grand Treasurer; HENRY W. MORDHURST, of Indiana, *R.·. P.·.* General Grand Recorder; ANDREW P. SWANSTROM, of Minnesota, *R.·. P.·.* General Grand Captain of Guard; HENRY C. LARRABEE, of Maryland, *R.·. P.·.* General Grand Conductor of Council; GRAFF M. ACKLIN, of Ohio; *R.·. P.·.* General Grand Marshal; JACOB T. BARRON, of South Carolina, *R.·. P.·.* General Grand Steward.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THANKS.

Comp. ANDREW P. SWANSTROM, of Minnesota, moved the appointment of a special committee to submit suitable resolutions expressing the thanks of the General Grand Council to the Masons of Maryland for their boundless hospitality, which was adopted, and the following committee appointed: ANDREW P. SWANSTROM of Minnesota, CHARLES H. WEBSTER of New Hampshire, and OLIVER A. COBB of Maine.

The General Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, October 12th.

Second Day—Morning session.—Tuesday, October 12, 1897. The General Grand Council, after the prayer, with the same officers, was called from refreshment to labor.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS ADMITTED.

The General Grand Captain of the Guard announced the following distinguished Companions who were duly received and cordially greeted as visitors, viz.:

M.·. Ill.·. Past Grand Masters CHARLES BELCHER and GEORGE SCOTT of New Jersey, MARCUS M. LORD of Illinois, and *Ill.·.* WILLIAM C. SWAIN of Wisconsin.

GREETING FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

Past General Grand Master GEORGE J. PINCKARD, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of England and Wales, reported that upon a late visit to London, in connection with the Jubilee Celebration, he made frequent calls upon the Grand Recorder, Companion CHARLES F. MATIER, at the Grand Mark Masters Hall by special invitation; and had been charged, as their Representative, to convey to this General Grand Council the high appreciation, cordial good will, and fraternal feelings of the Grand Council of England and Wales and the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown.

All of which was received by the General Grand Council with acclamation.

THEODORE S. PARVIN ADMITTED.

Companion THEODORE S. PARVIN of Iowa, desiring to visit the General Grand Council, sent in the following card:

"T. S. PARVIN of Iowa. Received degrees of Royal and Select Master in Knoxville, Ill., 1853; organized first Council in Iowa and became its chief officer. The Grand Council later became merged in the Chapter, but that can not *go backward* to affect my standing in the Order."

The distinguished Companion was then admitted and escorted to the East, where he addressed the General Grand Council in eloquent terms.

We particularly call attention to the Report of Committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence. The italics are ours. *Th.·. Ill.·.* Companion WILLIAM A. MCGREW of Colorado, is charged with making false excuses for his actions and his veracity directly attacked by the Committee, as will be seen, which puts a new phase on the Colorado embroglio.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CRYPTIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Companion THOMAS R. MARSHALL, of Indiana; presented the following report from the Committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence:—

"*To the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, U. S. A.:*

"Your Committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the address of the Most Puissant General Grand Master as appertained to the state of the Rite in Colorado, beg leave to report the facts, without inserting herein the official documents upon which they are based.

"We find from the indisputable record evidence on file with this General Grand Body, that when WILLIAM A. MCGREW, Thrice Illustrious Master of *Denver* Council, issued his call to the Councils of Colorado, he had notice of the necessary steps to be taken in order to organize a Grand Council according to law as then construed by the officers of this Grand Body, and that he never sought to comply with such construction of the law.

"We further find that said MCGREW did not consult with the Councils of Colorado, as to the method to be pursued in the formation of such alleged Grand Council, nor did he notify all of the Thrice Illustrious Masters of such Councils in time to attend the meeting called by him for such organization.

"We further find that when remonstrated with for his unlawful action, he began to present therefor excuses *which were untrue* and finally to defend his action by construing the law to suit himself.

"We further find that when removed from office by the Most Puissant General Grand Master for insubordination, instead of quietly submitting to lawful authority and presenting his grievance, if any he had, in the forum, he refused to turn his Council over to his Illustrious Deputy Master.

"We find further that in the printed proceedings of such alleged Grand Council, some of the correspondence has been garbled and some of the official records have been denied.

"We find that no considerable number of Cryptic Masons in Colorado were desirous of thus attempting to illegally organize a Grand Council, and that the present officers of such alleged Grand Council are in no way personally to play for the present state of affairs.

"We recommend and reciprocate their amiable sentiments and regret exceedingly that the bar sinister of bad faith can not be removed from their present escutcheon, and fraternally urge them, in the interests of Cryptic Masonry, to disband and reorganize lawfully.

"We report that it is the law that the Councils of Colorado deriving their charters and powers from this General Grand Council, could only form a Grand Council by and with the consent of its Most Puissant General Grand Master or of this General Grand Body; that the alleged Grand Council of Colorado, organized under the circumstances above set forth, is illegal, and should be reorganized *de novo*.

"We accordingly recommend that the action of *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master COBURN be in all things approved.

"We report that it has become the established law that all Councils deriving their charters from this General Grand Council can only organize Grand Councils under the direction and control of this General Body, to whom they owe their existence, *and therefore this Body does not insist upon a condition binding such Grand Councils to perpetual membership.*

"JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
"GEORGE J. PINCKARD,
"THOMAS R. MARSHALL, } *Committee.*"

While the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence vindicates the official action of the General Grand Master, JOHN W. COBURN, in sustaining the dignity and authority of the General Grand Council over the Grand and Subordinate Councils of its Jurisdiction, it is utterly silent as to the action of the General Grand Recorder, who is the real officer most deserving of censure and blame, and justly complained of by the Colorado Companions, and, knowing them as we do, we have no reason to doubt what they say in this matter.

A resolution was presented by *M.·. P.·.* Comp. DRUMMOND and adopted, knocking out the ironclad clause in regard to allegiance to the General Grand Council, and authorizing the Grand Councils of the States of Oregon and Washington and Indian Territority to repeal that portion of their Constitutions, which resolution was adopted. It had no business in there in the first place. It impeached the oath and obligation of every Companion taken at the Altar, and of every officer installed in a Council at the time of its first introduction; hence the sensitiveness of honorable

men, brethren and Companions, who were required to take it, and raised a doubt as to the legitimacy of the authority requiring it, as if there was another and rival General Grand Council, or a State Grand Council in existence, to whom they might be liable to transfer their allegiance. We trust that the Grand Councils of Oregon, Washington and Indian Territory will avail themselves of this resolution, for no Mason or body of Masons not in rebellion require any ironclad oath of allegiance to be administered unto them.

As Rehoboam is in the saddle in the General Grand Council, our Colorado companions may exclaim: "What portion have we in David? and we have none inheritance in the son of Jesse; every man to your tents, O Israel; and now David see to thine own house."

If we were General Grand Master we would follow the example of a Governor of the State of Connecticut a great many years ago. A man and woman ignoring the statute laws regarding matrimony in that State, came together and vowed to each other in the presence of their friends that they would be husband and wife, without any other ceremony or having either a license or marriage certificate, and went to living together happily. So elated were they with this state of affairs that they frequently paraded themselves on the street, and even went so far on the Governor's reception-day as to call upon the Governor and pay their respects. He had heard of their action, and when they called with many others on that occasion and were presented to him, he asked them if it was true that they had stood up together and to be husband and wife without any marriage ceremony. They replied that it was true. He then asked that if from that time on they intended to live that way, and they both answered emphatically in the affirmative. Then the Governor said: "By the authority in me vested by the constitution and laws of the State of Connecticut, I, as Governor, pronounce you husband and wife," and directed the Secretary of State, who was present, to make out the marriage certificate. So they were lawfully married in spite of themselves.

If General Grand Master NICHOL will only go to Colorado, and take Past Grand Master JAMES H. PEABODY of Carson City to Denver with him to act as Grand Recorder *pro tem*, then by the authority in him vested, we apprehend that by prudence and tact, with a true spirit of fraternal kindness, the Grand Council of Colorado may be brought within the fold. The State of Texas was brought into the Union simply by a resolution, and the State of California with a full State Government, U. S. Senators and Congressmen without any previous enabling Act of Congress, for we never had a territorial but only a military Government with a few officers without any troops.

So we leave the General Grand Council, and as there are two sides to every question, we give Colorado a hearing without however being disloyal to the General Grand Council.

We let Colorado speak for herself in her proceedings.

ARKANSAS.

1897.

The thirty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas met at the Masonic Temple in the city of Little Rock, at 10 A. M., on Friday, the eighteenth day of November, A. D. 1897, and was opened in ample form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. JOHN P. FARRAR, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES A. HENRY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are fourteen Councils with a membership of 319 (being a loss of 20 during the past year) on the roll of this Grand Council. Nine Councils were represented. There were ten Representatives of other Grand Councils represented.

The Grand Master's Address is a fine one from which we take the following extract:—

Illustrious Companions:—The sound of the Silver trumpet again calls us from rest to labor. Through the loving kindness of an ever guarding Providence, we are again permitted to meet to transact business, not simply for time, but for eternity. And may God grant that here and elsewhere we may so work, so live, that when we are called upon to lay down our working tools and cross the mystic river, and our fevered faces feel the breath of the eternal morning, our work may pass the Master Overseer's square, and that we may indeed find that light which emanates alone from the Grand Orient.

"We humbly thank the Great Grand Master above for the blessings he has granted to us, and while the Grim Monster has entered our secret vault and borne to the great beyond some of our best loved Companions, many of us still have the happy privilege of meeting together again and greeting one another with that hearty handshake that so much cheers a brother, and while thanking God for our immunity this year from the pestilence that has so sadly afflicted some of our sister States, we extend to the Companions of those States our heartfelt fraternal sympathy."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

This Grand Council is evidently going wrong, and in an indirect way proposes to knock the bottom out of Royal Arch Masonry by causing it to be abandoned financially and left to itself, and house all the delinquent Royal Arch Masons in the Cryptic Vault, as observed in the following extract from the proceedings:—

Companion FAY HEMPSTEAD offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the suspension of a Companion in a Royal Arch Chapter for non-payment of dues only, shall not work a forfeiture of his membership in any Council in this Jurisdiction.

The Secret Vault is to be suspended in the air by balloons while the feathers of the Templar will be flying in the upper strata. A Companion who will not pay his dues in the Royal Arch Chapter, has no business in the Lodge, Council, Commandery or Scottish Rite if he has received the de-

grees in all those bodies and been enrolled as a member. California is guilty of no such folly. If a Knight Templar is suspended in either Lodge or Chapter for nonpayment of dues or for any other cause, his figures and feathers fall with him until his delinquency is straightened out in them all. Our Arkansas Companions need not look for the Cryptic Rite to flourish with them, so long as such a miserable rule is permitted in its laws.

Arkansas will be called to account by the General Grand Master, and hauled over the coals at the next Triennial Session of the General Grand Council, unless it declares its independency and sets that Grand Body at defiance, it being a Constituent Grand Council; for it has recognized the Grand Council of Colorado by commissioning *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS E. SHEARS, now Grand Master of Colorado, as the Representative near the Grand Council of Colorado, as appears in the roll of Representatives near other Grand Councils on page 289.

"And Moses said, this is the thing which the Lord commandeth, Fill an Omer of the manna to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot and put an *Omer full of manna* therein, and lay it up before the Lord to be kept for your generations. As the Lord commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony to be kept."

We have quoted the whole of these directions, which concerns every Royal Arch Chapter and every Council of Royal and Select Masters both Grand and Subordinate. It will be noticed that it was to be good measure, "an *Omer full* of manna", which was about four quarts or half a peck Now it will be seen that it will require two years or terms for the Grand Council of Arkansas to fully comply with the conditions given, for it is not an Omer full in the election held at its Annual Assembly.

Comp. OMER J. [UST] SHORT was elected Grand Master, and Comp. JAMES A. HENRY was elected Grand Recorder.

COLORADO.

1897.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Colorado met in third Annual Assembly at Masonic Temple, in the City of Denver, on September 24, 1897, A. Dep. 2897, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM L. SHOCKEY, as Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* THOMAS C. SHEARS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are five subordinate Councils with a membership of 183 under its jurisdiction.

The address of the Grand Master is a model and a modest one under the circumstances which surround him. He says:

ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

Illustrious Companions:

It is a pleasure to meet you, at our third Annual Assembly; and as we gather in the Secret Vault to offer our devotions to our Creator, and thank Him for His mercies in the past, let us ask Him to guide us aright and be with us in our future deliberations.

No internal dissentions have occurred among the craft, but peace and harmony prevail throughout this jurisdiction and the Councils have been fairly prosperous under the present circumstances. My official acts have been but routine.

At the request of the companions, I addressed the following letter to M. P. G. M. JOHN W. COBURN.

PUEBLO, COLORADO, Nov. 3rd, 1896.

JOHN W. COBURN, *General Grand Master, R. and S. M., U. S. A.*

Dear Sir, and Illustrious Companion:—At the last Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Colorado, R. & S. M., I had the honor of being elected Grand Master. Past Grand Master SANFORD read the correspondence between yourself and Comp. SANFORD, so far as it had been received at that time. Your last letter came to Comp. SANFORD after the session of the Grand Council, and was forwarded to me by him.

Now Most Puissant Grand Master, I do not intend to go into argument, but wish to recall what Comp. SANFORD has said, viz: That there has never been any antagonism toward the General Grand Council felt by the Colorado Companions. When the Convention was held the question of becoming a constituent of the General Grand Conncil was not decided, but deferred so that a full expression of the Companions could be had. They did not doubt their right to organize, and the study of the question since has not changed their views. Yet to fully express the fact that they feel no antagonism towards the General Grand Council, and for the purpose of inducing harmony throughout the Cryptic World of the United States, they did at the second General Assembly, on Sept. 18th, 1896, by their vote, decide to become a constituent, if accepted by the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council. They amended the Constitution of the Grand Council by the addition of a section copied from the constitution of Nebraska, and directed me, as Grand Master, to lay this constitution before you and ask that the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Colorado be accepted as a constituent Grand Council of the General Grand Council of the United States. In accordance with the instructions of that Grand Council R. and S. M. of Colorado, I herewith lay before you the constitution of that Grand Council, and ask that you, as General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the United States, recognize the Grand Council of Colorado, as a constituent Grand Council. Fraternally Yours,

WM. L. SHOCKEY,
Grand Master.

P. S.—I would call your attention, Most Puissant Companion, to the absence of the clauses, and might say that they are particularly obnoxious to the Colorado Companions who would prefer to drop everything rather than adopt them. Kindly advise me of your decision at your earliest convenience. Fraternally,

W. L. SHOCKEY.

And received the following reply:

The General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States,
JOHN W. COBURN, *General Grand Master:*
366 W. 116th Street, NEW YORK, N. Y., May 16, 1896.

My dear Companion Shockey:

Your favor conveying the information that a number of the companions of Colorado in Convention had voted to become a constituent Grand Council of the General Grand Council, if accepted as such by the General Grand Master, with an adopted constitution enclosed, and the request that I, as General Grand Master, would recognize them as such, was duly received. It is not within the power of the General Grand Master to grant this request. I can only submit it to the General Grand Council which alone has power to waive the irregularity of the information of the organization by the companions concerned. I am glad to receive the reassurance that there has been no feeling antagonistic to the General Council by our companions named. Its fostering care has ever been freely given to its subordinate Councils, and its action shows it has ever been willing to place the care of Cryptic Masonry fully in their charge when ready and desirous of accepting it, by the organization of Grand Councils. As the executive, I know in this case there has never been presented an objection, and never for a moment any opposition to the formation of a Grand Council. From the beginning I've held strongly the belief that honesty of purpose and true loyalty were with the majority of our companions, but that they were misguided and illy advised in their action. I exceedingly regret that after a full and thorough canvass of the situation they retain the idea they were correct, for such a stand but opens the door for the future entrance of trouble—discord—chaos. I shall be only too happy to do anything, even going to the full extent of my power to weld this unnecessary break in the chain of friendship, to restore the harmony that should exist, and with this exception does exist throughout our Cryptic jurisdiction. I urge most strongly that you and all the companions of Colorado, place yourselves in position to form a regularly constituted Grand Body, and I can assure you should such a Grand Council be formed uniting all the councils in the State in the great work of Cryptic Masonry, it would be hailed with greetings of exceeding joy by all our constituents. You refer to the allegiance clauses as being obnoxious; although I fail to see them as being any stronger or more binding than the ratification of the constitution of the General Grand Council by the Grand Councils which formed the confederacy, which act, like the adoption of the named clauses, can only legally be undone by mutual consent, yet if they are the only stumbling blocks in the way, I will for the purpose of restoring harmony change my determination to stand exactly to the precedent given me in their enforcement, and will accept a ratification of the constitution of the General Grand Council as stated in their stead. Trusting that the teachings of our beloved branch of Masonry shall prevail, and that the restful music of peace shall replace the discordant notes now heard,

I am, fraternally yours,

JOHN W. COBURN.

From the reply, I learned, that the M. P. G. G. M. had not the power to grant our request, but would refer the question to the meeting of the General Grand Council for consideration.

On October 15th, I received a petition from 16 Companions at Greeley stating that they had surrendered the dispensation they held from the General Grand Council, and asking that a charter be granted them. As this was in accord with the resolution adopted by this Grand Council at its Second Assembly, I issued a charter to them as Hiram Council No. 7, naming in the charter Comp. Frederick S. Manning as T. I. M., Comp. Wm. L. Miller as D. M., and Comp. Sharon Atkinson as P. C. W.

And under date of October 15th issued a proxy to Illustrious Companion Thos. E. Shears to constitute Hiram Council No. 7, which duty he performed on the 9th day of November, A. D. 1897, and report returned in due season; also approved the amendment to the By-Laws of Pueblo Council No. 6, changing their meeting night to the third Friday of each month.

"January 19th, sent the following letter to the various Councils throughout the State:

PUEBLO, COLO., Jan. 18, 1897.

To T. I. M. and Members Council No.—

Companions:—I am informed that a certain Mr. Kenyon is again in Colorado, and is trying to organize more Councils in this State under a commission from the General Grand Master of the United States of America. I believe the General Grand Master is not aware of this last visit of Mr. Kenyon's, and from the correspondence just passed between us, I believe he would not sanction his present course. At Mr. Kenyon's visit here, before his last one, he induced a number of Royal Arch Masons to receive the Council degrees communicated by him without limit as to numbers, and receiving in payment money or other valuables. I now ask you to warn all Royal Arch Masons contemplating to receive the degree from him, that they will not receive recognition from the Grand Council of Colorado.

Fraternally yours,

WM. L. SHOCKEY,
Grand Master.

At our last assembly, a committee was appointed on ritual. I wish to recommend, that we have a permanent committee on ritual, so that our work may be uniform throughout this district and that all requests for information and instruction shall be placed before them for their approval.

In regard to the controversy between the General Grand Council and ourselves, I recommend that the existing conditions be brought up before this meeting, and such action be taken that will leave no doubt on our future course.

Now in conclusion, in behalf of the Grand Council of Colorado, I wish to thank the companions of the various independent Grand Councils throughout the land, for their kind words of cheer so generously bestowed in our behalf and for the prompt and zealous work they performed; and now, Illustrious Companions, let me thank you for the honor and confidence placed in me, and especially do I thank Companion Thomas E. Shears for his untiring energy in promoting the welfare of the Grand Council, and for his prompt and valuable assistance so cheerfully given at all times.

Let us hope that the future will continue to brighten, and as we gather here again in annual assembly, may the past be forgotten and peace and harmony prevail throughout the Cryptic World of the United States.

Fraternally,

WM. L. SHOCKEY,
Most Illustrious Grand Master.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions were received with the Grand Honors and cordially welcomed by the M. Ill. Grand Master.

Jethro C. Sanford.....North Carolina
Thomas F. Barbour.....Connecticut
Lawrence N. Greenleaf.....Pennsylvania
Thomas E. Shears.....Illinois.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

The Committee presented the following report which was adopted:

DENVER, COLO., Sept. 24, 1897.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council Royal and Selected Masters of Colorado:

Your Committee on Grand Master's Address beg leave to submit the following report:

1. That so much of the Grand Master's Address as relates to the correspondence with the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and to the exchange of Grand Representatives, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
2. That the action of the Grand Master in granting a charter to Hiram Council No. 7, of Greeley, be approved.
3. That so much thereof as relates to the circular to subordinate Councils be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.
4. That so much thereof as relates to necrology be referred to a special committee of one.

CALVIN R. REED,
E. W. HATHAWAY,
JNO. HUMPHREYS,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

The M. Ill. Grand Master appointed as Committee on Necrology Comp. Lawrence N. Greenleaf.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report which was received and adopted:

To the M. I. Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Colorado:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence to whom was referred those portions of the Grand Master's Address relative to his correspondence with the General Grand Master of the General Grand Chapter of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America and the exchange of Grand Representatives would respectfully submit the following report:

That we endorse the position taken by the Grand Master in his correspondence with the General Grand Master, and that we approve of his appointments of Grand Representatives.

Fraternally,
L. N. GREENLEAF.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.

On motion the following report was received and adopted:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Colorado:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the circular letter of the M. I. Grand Master, approve of the same.

Fraternally submitted,
ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER,
LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF,
J. C. SANFORD.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

Companions Calvin E. Reed (1) and Edmund W. Hathway (3) were appointed as tellers to collect the vote, which resulted in the election of

THOMAS E. SHEARS, Grand Master.
JOHN HUMPHREYS, Deputy Grand Master.
WILLIAM W. FIELD, Grand Prin. Cond'r of Work.
ARTHUR E. JONES, Grand Treasurer.
ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, Grand Recorder.

The M. I. Grand Master elect made the following appointments:

CALVIN E. REED, *Grand Captain of Guards.*
EDMUND W. HATHAWAY, *Grand Captain of Council.*
SHARON ATKINSON, *Grand Chaplain.*
FREDERICK S. MANNING, *Grand Steward.*
THOMAS E. BARBOUR, *Grand Marshal.*
WILLIAM W. QUINN, *Grand Sentinel.*

INSTALLATION.

M. I. Grand Master WILLIAM L. SHOCKEY, assisted by *Ill.* Comp. LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF Grand Marshal, installed Comp. THOMAS E. SHEARS Grand Master, who in turn installed the remaining officers.

After the transaction of other business of matters of detail, "The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Colorado was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

THOMAS E. SHEARS,
Grand Master.

Attest,
[Seal] ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, Grand Recorder.

The Fourth Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Denver, September 23d, 1898."

We have thus given the substance of the proceedings of the Grand Council of Colorado, formed of Councils seceding from the General Grand Council, and which should have surrendered their Charters to that Grand Body the moment that they organized their own independent Grand Council, while they are now borne upon the rolls of both. Perhaps they did so.

The action of the Colorado Companions is encouraged and sustained by the other independent Grand Councils with whom they have interchanged representatives, while those independent Grand Councils are in amity with the General Grand Council whose door is opened and their Grand Masters and Members are received and welcomed by that General Grand Body; which itself thus indirectly, while it legislates to the contrary in the strongest manner, gives an indirect *quasi* recognition to the Grand Council of Colorado, by friendly welcome and intercourse to those independent Grand Councils which have recognized the Grand Council of Colorado and given it their moral aid, encouragement and support.

Ill.. Companions LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF 33°, JETHRO C. SANFORD and ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, are Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, and the first, Past Commander of Knights Templar of that State and are the peers of any officer or member of the General Grand Coun-

cil, and we know them and their caliber well; and the Companions composing the Grand and Subordinate Councils of Colorado are inferior to none elsewhere.

CONNECTICUT.

1897.

The seventy-ninth Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut was held in the hall of Crawford Council No. 19, in the city of New Haven, on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1897, Anno Dep. 2897, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M.

M.·. P.·. EDWARD E. WEST, Grand Master, presiding, and *T.·. I.·.* Commander JAMES MCCORMICK, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The number of Councils on the roll was 21, with a total membership of 3,345, being an increase of membership of 133 over the last year. All of the Councils were represented and *P.·. M.·. P.·.* Companion ALEX. B. SHUMWAY, the representative from California, being present, with representatives from thirteen other Grand Councils.

The address of the Grand Master is an admirable one from a strictly business point of view, from which we take the following extracts:

"*To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of the State of Connecticut:*—

"ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:—Permit me to welcome you to this our seventy-ninth Annual Assembly, and ask you to join in giving thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe that he has permitted us to again assemble together to work and legislate for the benefit of the beautiful Cryptic Rite in which we are so much interested.

"As from a business man you can only anticipate a business report, I at once proceed to offer my account of the stewardship entrusted to me one year ago.

"For the first time in over twenty-five years a new Council has been added to our roster: may it prove the precurser of many others yet to come.

"The most memorable duty performed by me during my term of office was the institution of *Temple* Council No. 32, at Luthington, October 5th, 1896. * * * The degrees were exemplified in a manner worthy a veteran Council. Too much praise has not been given *Temple* Council No. 32 is composed of the right material and will assuredly be heard from in the future."

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

In accordance with your vote at the last Assembly of this Grand Council, the new Grand Council of Colorado was recognized by your Executive, and it has been my great pleasure to receive from Rt. Ills. Comp. JEHTRO C. SANFORD, Grand Master of R. & S. Masters of Colorado, the sincere thanks of that Grand Council for your action; and to agree with him for the exchange of representatives—he suggesting Companion T. F. Barbour, of Durango, as Representative of Connecticut near the Grand Council of Colorado. In return I presented the name of Ills. Comp.

E. W. Latham, of Suffield, as Representative of Colorado near the Grand Council of Connecticut, and the Commissions have been issued in accordance with the suggestions.

The report on Correspondence is by our genial Companion Past M. P. Grand Master JOHN H. BARLOW, Committee. He gives forty-five pages in the review of thirty-one Grand Councils of which two and a half pages is devoted to California. One third of a page is taken from Past Grand Master CHAS. E. GILLETT'S address, and the remainder with quotations from our own with his comments thereon, and says:

"We agree with him that the Grand Council was constitutionally formed, but do not see that there was any secession in the general meaning of that term."

It was secession from the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council in the joint action of the Subordinate Councils of Colorado in throwing off their allegiance to the General Grand Council which created them, as it was secession on the part of the eight Lodges in Nevada Territory in throwing off their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of California which chartered them and they by joint action formed a Grand Lodge of their own in that then Territory but now a State. That was lawful secession recognized by all Grand Lodges in the United States upon the regular formation of a new Grand Lodge, and under which they themselves were originally formed, and that is lawful Masonic usage and custom and therefore constitutional and in harmony with Blue Lodge Masonry under the Sovereignty and Supremacy of the Grand Lodge system, which should and is generally supposed to prevail.

The Grand Council of Colorado was organized under the same fundamental law, and its subordinates having thrown off their allegiance to the General Grand Council, and if they received new charters from their own Grand Council, their relationship to the General Grand Council was severed by that act; and the only thing they had to do was to return their old charters to that Grand Body, make their final returns and pay their dues as is customary to do; *and at that time there was nothing prohibitory against it in the constitution of the General Grand Council;* hence we hold, as we did in our report of 1896, that the Grand Council of Colorado was constitutionally formed at the time that it was; and all that has been done since by the General Grand Master or General Grand Council and made to apply *ex post facto*, which can in no wise affect the status of the Independent Grand Council of Colorado, or prevent its recognition by the other twelve independent Grand Councils in the United States or by the foreign Grand Councils. But the General Grand Master claiming that which the Constitution of the General Grand Council by its weakness and omission did not grant; but making implication cover the lapse or gap, claimed to still exercise jurisdiction which by the folly of the uncalled-for action of the General Grand Recorder was, as it now seems to be, irretrievably lost

In his conclusion Companion BARLOW utters kind words and expresses the noblest sentiments in which we most heartily concur. He says:

CONCLUSION.

We have fulfilled the duty imposed upon us by the Grand Council of Connecticut and present our second report on Cryptic Correspondence.

From the proceedings placed before us we think there is an improved condition in Cryptic Masonry as compared with the preceding year. Most of the Grand Councils show a slight increase in membership, and an increased interest in the work. There have been no important questions presented save the question of the formation of the Grand Council of Colorado. We have given considerable space to this matter as we have been severely, and in one or two jurisdictions, we think, unkindly criticised, and even looked upon as an intruder. If anything we have said may have seemed harsh remember we were on the defence.

The councils under the jurisdictions of the General Grand Council, as might be expected, with few exceptions most emphatically denounce the action of the Colorado Grand Council, while most of the indedendent ones believe it to be lawfully constituted and have, or we think, will extend recognition. We trust the subject will receive careful attention at the coming triennial assembly and councils desiring to form grand councils be allowed free choice whether they will or will not become constituents of the General Grand Council. The three-fold cord of Friendship, Fraternity and Willing Obedience is not easily broken, while the seeming strong arm of Arbitrary and Oppressive Legislation is the rule of fear, not of love, and may burst out in open rebellion.

We return grateful acknowledgments for the many kind words spoken, and with the hope of meeting many Companion reporters at the coming triennial at Baltimore.

We remain truly and fraternally,

JOHN H. BARLOW,
Correspondence Committee.

HARTFORD, April 30, 1897.

"*Alas! Poor Hiram!*" while "the three-fold cord of Friendship, Fraternity and Willing Obedience is not easily broken," while "the seeming strong arm of Arbitrary and Oppressive Legislation is the rule of fear and not of love, and may burst out in open rebellion," the wishes, earnest desires and hopes of Companion BARLOW and many other Companions have failed of realization, and the Grand Council and Companions of Colorado have severed the ties which bound them to the General Grand Council forever, and the blame does not rest with our Colorado Companions, we are satisfied from the evidence before us. *T.·. Ill.·.* Companion REUBEN H. TUCKER of Ansonia was elected Grand Master and *T.·. Ill.·.* Companion JAMES MCCORMICK re-elected Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

1897.

THE MOST PUISSANT Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales met at Mark Masons' Hall,

Great Queen Street, W. C., on Thursday, the 11th March, 1897, *R.·. Ill.·.* C. F. MATIER, P. D. G. M., Grand Recorder, presiding as Grand Master. The Grand Council was opened in form.

Ill.·. Comp. C. F. MATIER, P. D. G. M., acting Grand Master then said:—"I have to apologize for being in this chair, but the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, has telegraphed to say he has been prevented from coming by most important business, and he has asked me to take the chair for the purpose of installing the Deputy Grand Master, *Ill.·.* Comp., LOVELAND LOVELAND, which I will at once proceed to do."

Ill.·. Comp. LOVELAND LOVELAND was obligated, invested and installed as Deputy Grand Master, whereupon the Grand Director of Ceremonies exclaimed:

The Right Illustrious Companion RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND, Justice of the Peace, Deputy Chairman of the Quarter Sessions for the County of London, President of the Board of General Purposes, President of the General Board of Mark Master Masons, Great Chancellor of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, Deputy Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council 33°, &c., &c., has this day been Installed Deputy Grand Master, whom may the Most High long preserve.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been printed and circulated amongst all subscribing members, on the proposition of *Ill.·.* Comp. WM. VINCENT, seconded by *Ill.·.* Comp. ROBERT BERRIDGE, they were taken as read and unanimously confirmed.

The Grand Recorder read the following report of the progress of the Cryptic Rite:—

During the year ending 28th February, 1897, 24 Certificates have been issued, making a total of 797 members registered.

This number is not only much fewer than last year, but also much below the average, and it is hoped that some increased interest may be taken by those Councils who, during the past year have been almost dormant.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant to certain Companions at Durban, Natal, South Africa, to be called the Durban Council, No. 23, and from the zeal and activity of the Founders, success seems assured.

THE ST. JOHN'S Council, No. 8, has for some time been dormant, but there is now a strong desire for its revival, which it is hoped will very shortly take place.

Our relations with the Sister Grand Councils continue on the most amicable and friendly footing.

The Grand Master has been pleased to appoint *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND to be Deputy Grand Master, in the room of *R.·. Ill.·.*

Comp. the Viscount Dungarvan, whose term of office has expired, and to whom the thanks of Grand Councils are due for his careful attention to the best interests of the Cryptic Degrees.

Companion B. R. Bryant, who has filled the position of Grand Lecturer since 1884 with the utmost skill and ability, having retired from that office, the Grand Master has been pleased to confer on him the rank of *Past Principal Conductor of the Work*.

[Evidently a *super brevet honorarium*.—Committee on Con.]

The Grand Master has the greatest pleasure in thanking all his Grand Officers of the past year for their untiring efforts to promote the best interests of the Grand Council.

Ill. Companion R. Berridge was, on motion, unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer.

By command of the M.·. Ill. Grand Master invested the Grand Officers.

The Grand Recorder was voted the sum of ten guineas, for which he returned thanks.

Prior to the meeting of the Grand Council, the Degree of Royal Master was exemplified by the Grand Lecturer, assisted by several Grand officers. A banquet was subsequently held at Freemasons' Tavern under the presideney of the Deputy Grand Master.

Right Honorable, the *Earl of Euston*, continues Grand Master and *R.·. Ill.·.* Companion C. F. Matier as Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

1897.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia met in the Fifty-fourth Annual Assembly in the Masonic Temple in the city of Macon, at 2:30 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, April 27th, A. D. 1897. Year of Deposit, 2897.

M.·. Ill.·. Henry C. Burr, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* William A. Wolihin, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 24 Councils with 522 members, an increase of two Councils and eight members on the roll of this Grand Council, of which 17 Councils were represented.

The address of the Grand Master embraces also his own Report on Correspondence, his address proper, covering a little more than ten pages, and the Report on Correspondence, nineteen. Both are admirable and most excellent, showing that Ill. Companion Henry C. Burr is animated by the true Masonic spirit, and animated by the pure principles of Masonry taught and practiced in "ye olden time."

We take from both the following:

"Companions of the Grand Council of Georgia:—We have again assembled to consider the work of the year just passed, and to legislate for the future prosperity of our noble rite in this jurisdiction, and as we

gather around our secret altar let us not forget to return thanks to the Most Puissant Grand Master above for the manifold comforts and blessings we have enjoyed, and to ask that He guide us in our deliberations promoting Cryptic Masonry.

"I welcome you to this, the 54th Annual Assembly of this Grand Council. We meet to review our fraternal proceedings, to congratulate each other on our continued prosperity, and to speak words of comfort to those whose loved ones have "passed over the river."

"As your Most Illustrious Grand Master, I will say that my duties have been exceedingly pleasant. No question of importance on jurisdiction of the Rite has been presented to me.

"I have endeavored to do all that was required, except visiting all Councils. This I would have done, but as the expense would have been too great upon the Grand Council, I concluded that some visits should be dispensed with, although nothing could have afforded me more pleasure. Those that I did visit met me with a most welcome reception. In all instances there was much work to be done in exemplifying the ritual. Throughout the jurisdiction the best of feeling animates the membership. Always zealous in the discharge of the duty they owe the Rite, and displaying that energy so consistent with the enthusiastic worker. While our accession has not been as large as we expected, I am gratified to report that a healthy improvement is shown in all that pertains to Cryptic Masonry, which gives evidence of a solid advancement with all the elements that go to make up a permanent establishment. Do not forget, my Companions, that the future is to be decided by the past, and we should resolve for the future, using energy and determination with the experience that has been gained by past exertion. Be patient and Cryptic Masonry in Georgia will yet rank with any of other departments of Masonry. The founders of this rite were men who were given wisdom to frame it upon a solid foundation that would stand the test of all time to come."

He pays a just tribute to the memory of all Companions of other jurisdictions who have passed over the river, including our late Past Most Illustrious Grand Master WILLIAM C. BELCHER.

"An occasional visit by some of the Grand officers will often have a good effect on the Councils not disposed to join us in our onward progress. It is to be hoped that success will be the outcome of the visits of the Most Illustrious Grand Master. The Councils I have visited have shown marked improvement, and always greet me with the true Masonic Spirit. The association of these visits will be a comfort to me in years to come.

"Had it not been for the kind and sympathetic expressions to me in my hour of trial, life would have seemed to me unbearable.

"Companions, looking on our left we see a chair vacant, in which we have so long seen that familiar face, who was our guide, our right hand in the Cryptic Vault. The Ninth Arch is complete and his deposit has been made. The strong arm of the Almighty has been stretched forth and has exalted our worthy and esteemed Companion ANDREW M. WOLIHIN to the glorious Companionship in that undissolving Lodge Above, where he will complete his designs on the Trestle Board, and the wise purpose of the Supreme Architect has been displayed to him in all its splendor. Masonry has lost one of her greatest lights. This great and good man has left a record free from spot or blemish. A man who in all the walks of life has

been a model, a true friend, a noble Mason in every sense of the word. As a Christian his charity knew no bounds. The deeds of our brother were not for worldly results alone, his ambition tending toward a higher achievement. Love, the talisman, admitting the brother into the secret chambers of truth, inspired him with the higher desire to enjoy the truth that is beyond. We do not say farewell, for emulating his noble example, we may hope to receive his welcome, and joining him, complete our Council in the Secret Vault above. I could pay no tribute to his memory that could half tell the grief I bear at his loss. I feel that in my heart there is a mighty void, and that still I hear his voice speaking to me in that genial manner that so characterized him. So long as life lasts his memory will be as dear to me as was his true friendship, always shown by his eagerness to assist in the upbuilding of our Rite, and ever willing advice to guide my footsteps in the upbuilding of Masonry. I would recommend that a committee on memorial be appointed to draft a suitable tribute to the memory of our worthy and esteemed Grand Recorder."

"The power and influence of Cryptic Masonry are sure to strengthen with the increase of years. The more we advance in Cryptic Masonry, the more we are convinced that the ties of our fraternity are those of fraternal friendship, good will and charity toward all.

"The Rite was not instituted for the base purpose of personal, political or business emolument, but for the advancement of mankind to that high elevation of social life and duty to God and fellow man. Cryptic Masonry is in a healthy condition in this as well as in other Grand Jurisdictions.

"Occassionly I find a Council with a luke-warm membership, waiting for something to inspire new life. Meet, my Companions, not as those meet, within whose bosom hope has laid itself down to die, but with the bounding gladness of those who clasp in their embraces all that is dear, or remembered of existence."

In his Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils, he says:

"The wise purpose which the founder of these degrees had in view when erecting the Crypt beneath the Temple they erected to the God of Israel, was a haven of light where those desiring to be brought further out of darkness, could hear the beautiful teaching of the Masonic Crypt. This was the foundation of the Rite, and the stone upon which it is erected will stand the test of time.

"The proceedings are written by eminent Masons, and in them is much Masonic information to be found. I have been benefitted by them. Owing to limited time I am sorry I am unable to give a report worthy of them, and hope they will pardon me for not doing them justice."

In his review of California he says of Past Grand Master GILLETT'S address:

"The Grand Master's address is confined mostly to local matters. He mentions the death of another of California's able Masons, Most Illustrious Companion WILLIAM CALDWELL BEECHER, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, who died September 1, 1895. We can truly sympathize with our Companions in the far West, as just a few years since we gave up our DAVIDSON, a few weeks ago our dearly beloved, honored and worthy Grand Recorder, ANDREW M. WOLIHIM. We should be more closely bound together in our bereavement."

He says: "We are living in a progressive age. Our association with the outer world would necessarily influence, to a greater of less extent,

our surroundings to the Lodge, Chapter and Council, and silence and secrecy should be deeply imbedded in the tyled recess of our heart, ever present to protect us from innovation of any character. If you would stimulate Masonry, have a high regard for the mental and moral attributes with which those in official position should be richly endowed.

"You have well said, my Illustrious Companions, that without the influence of all branches of Masonry, some would falter in their progressiveness toward fullfilling that which we have endeavored to accomplish.

"From the returns of the Subordinate Councils, Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction is on the decline. Decrease in membership, 167.

"Our Companions will have to put their shoulders to the wheel and pull the wagon out of the mire. There are too many able Masons in California to allow Cryptic Masonry to lag in this manner.

"Most Illustrious Companion WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS was elected Grand Master; Illustrious Companion THOMAS H. CASWELL, Grand Recorder. Membership, 901.

"Fraternal correspondence by that eminent Mason, Companion EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, who gave a review of twenty-six Grand Councils. The writer sincerely thanks him for his high opinion of his address, and certainly feels complimented when an expression of that kind comes from so able a Masonic writer as Companion SHERMAN. May his life and usefulness be spared for many years to the great cause he represents."

We do not consider the Reportorial Corps to be a Mutual Admiration Society; but where we find real worth and merit, it is a duty and pleasure for us to acknowledge it, which we have done in our review of Companion BURR' addresses and reviews heretofore, while we return to him our thanks for his kind expressions toward ourself.

Under the head of Indiana he says:

"Companion MORDHURST is evidently 'wrought up' on account of the reception of his last correspondence by the Correspondent of Georgia. We are sorry to have any controversy, but the facts in the case, to us, seem to justify our resenting a seeming insult. The Companion may quote from his 'operettas' to those by whom he is better known than by the Companions of Georgia; 'Pooh bah' may be a pleasant character to some, but it was not so considered by the worthy Grand Recorder of this State, and it was because of his noticing it that the matter was taken up. Not only the Grand Recorder, but the whole craft in the State seemed to take offense that their venerable Companion should have such a remark made about him.

"Companion MORDHURST says: 'Companion WOLIHIN has too much sense to be offended at a little harmless pleasantry, and he knows full well in what high estimation he is held by the writer; but of course it is all Greek to Companion BURR, and just a trifle beyond his horizon.'

"It is Greek, my Companion, and like the Delphian oracle, it has two meanings, one for the exoneration of the one expressing it, provided it is not noticed, and the other for the condemnation of the brother whom it attacks; Janus-faced, in that it gives to view the semblance of truth in an attempt at pleasantry, and on the other hand, to the one receiving it a slur, justifying him in the belief that the remark was one far removed from the spirit of Masonry.

"The Companion also says that my addresses are 'delightfully unique,' and that they have been 'charitably' received, but as they are becoming just a trifle too *'outre,'* it may be necessary to call attention to some of their glaring peculiarities.

"After quoting the General Grand Master's edict, suspending various Masters of Councils in Colorado, for insubordination, my words did not in any way have reference to the General Grand Master, and it was his language only that I had reference to—only to his comments on the pretended organization of a Grand Council for Colorado, and again I repeat that I am more than pained that Masons, who should know better, were engaged in so unlawful an undertaking. In his criticism on the Grand Council of Colorado, could not the Companion have used milder language?

"I do not hold him in any way accountable for the acts of the General Grand Master. Can he show that the General Grand Master treated them in any but a courteous manner?

"The correspondent of Georgia this year retires from the field. If he has wronged the Companion of Indiana, he stands ready to make redress. What he has said is in reply and rebuttal of criticisms made last year by the aforesaid Companion, and also to resent the language used in regard to one who, though he has left us, leaves a memory that will grow greener as the years roll on."

Well and nobly said and worthy of the Companion who wrote it.

M.·. Ill.·. HENRY C. BURR, was deservedly re-elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Companion WILLIAM A. WOLIHIN, the worthy son of a noble Masonic sire, was re-elected *R.·. Ill.·.* Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

1897.

The forty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois was held in the Masonic Temple, city of Chicago, on the twenty-seventh day of October, A. D. 1897, A. Dep. 2897, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. GEORGE M. GROSS, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. GIL. W. BARNARD, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are fifty-eight Councils with a membership of 2752, a loss of 181 during the past year. Forty-one Councils made returns, and forty-one Councils were represented. There were present Representatives from twenty-five other Grand Councils, including *Ill.·.* Comp. JOHN A. LADD, the Representative of California. The Grand Council of Illinois divides its jurisdiction into "Nine Arches," each Arch with an Ill. Companion as Chief or Deputy, assisted by two others who have immediate jurisdiction for their respective arch or district, who have charge of the Rite and are visited by the Grand Lecturer, who instructs and inspects their work.

The Address of the Grand Master covers only a little more than three pages, and is purely a perfunctory and business report of the performance of the duties of his office which have been very brief.

The very best portion of the Proceedings of this Grand Council is the Report of the Committee on Obituaries in the biographical sketches and masonic records of ten of the most eminent Companions throughout the United States, written by our Reverend Companion and an old Californian, Bishop HENRY G. PERRY, who is a nephew of the gallant Commodore Perry, whose fame was earned at the naval battle on Lake Erie in the last war with Great Britain, and whose sententious report was, "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

We take the following extract from its closing, and may appropriate still further hereafter for which we will give him due credit.

"And thus, though persons pass away, true patterns remain to edify and inspire us. So strive we of due diligence, therefore, to cheer the fraternity and study to honor with others our Cryptic dead, recalling their virtues and extolling their merits, as upon a monument, whereon to indite their exemplary attainments for the emulation of all Companions of existing and future generations.

And thus, too, the ceaseless, variant tide, paradoxically of the living while they die, goes on from the van of Genesis to doomsday—the innumerable throng of humanity in mortal harness—these frail bodies back to Mother Earth, but the spirit to God, who gave it, our Great Omnific of the Universe. How grand the Masonic thought and declaration in its essential idea and expression. Even the enlightened Christian, with the untutored Indian, turns—as may we—the weary eye from the world, prayerfully appealing to "Our Father in Heaven."

Ill.·. SYLVESTER O. SPRING was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* GIL. W. BARNARD re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

1897.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Indiana, held its forty-second Annual Meeting in the Masonic Temple in the city of Indianapolis, beginning at 2 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday the 19th day of October, A. D. 1897, A. Dep. 2897.

Ill.·. Comp. ANDREW J. ROBINSON, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 49 councils with a membership of 2,626 (an increase of 90 over the previous year), on the roll of this Grand Council, all of which were represented. There were also 24 Representatives from other Grand Councils including *Ill.·.* ORLAND W. BROWNBACK of California.

The address of Grand Master ROBINSON is a splendid one and covers ten pages all of which is worthy a careful perusal, and from which we take the following:

"*Companions:*—

"We turn another page in the history of Cryptic Masonry today, the forty-second, and we can say that peace and harmony prevails. It seems that this is often enough to satisfy us, and we move along and congratulate ourselves that no disturbing element has entered our sacred precincts.

This was not the disposition of the character that we have one and all represented. He was not satisfied with idleness, but was anxious to assist in any work that would promote the interest of the Craft, and through his zeal the unworthy and slothful were removed and the true and faithful appointed instead. Can we, then, stand idle when the three noble characters, Solomon and the two Hirams, were willing to create with their own hands a receptacle for the priceless treasures that have been handed dawn to us, and from which every law, both divine and human, for the government of man has been copied? Do we realize that the Cryptic Degrees of Masonry open to our view the beautiful lesson that, although fire and sword may devour the works of art, and the ruthless hand of the infidel may for a time obliterate Holy Writ, yet when the rubbish of error and superstition is removed and the keystone of truth and justice is uncovered, we find beneath the Masonic lesson that teaches the great fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man?"

Among other business transacted was the authorizing the portraits of all the Past Grand Masters, to appear in the proceedings and in looking through them we find that of Past Grand Master MARTIN H. RICE, which would be a pretty fair likeness of Past Grand Master WM. T. LUCAS of the Grand Lodge of California and that of EDWARD S. ROSS, a good likeness of Past Grand Master JAMES B. MERRITT of our own Grand Council.

The report on Correspondence is by Companion HENRY W. MORDHURST, who under the head of Kansas, in reply to Companion CALLAHAM of that Grand Council, says:

"Apropos of nothing, Companion CALLAHAM breaks forth with the following:

"'This gives us an opportunity to say what we long have felt: that the General Grand Council is not particularly and especially blessed by the services of a Recorder whose amiable and brotherly words have a tendency to draw to it the independent Grand Councils, and cement and bind in bonds of love the Cryptic Rite. We commend to him the old adage, "Molasses catches more flies than vinegar," and suggest that he place it in a conspicuous place in his office, so that he may constantly see it.'

"A rejoiner could be made to the above that might grate somewhat harshly on Companion CALLAHAM'S ears, but—never mind. However will the Companion kindly indicate when or how the General Grand Recorder, as such, has ever said or written anything that could in the least offend any Grand Council whatsoever, or which could have the least tendency to disintegrate 'bonds of love' of any kind?"

For Companion CALLAHAM'S information as a reply to the foregoing, we refer him to what Companion MORDHURST says in relation to Companion OSGOODBY under the head of NEW YORK.

"Companion GEORGE M. OSGOODBY presents the report on correspondence. Everything is grist that comes to his mill, therefore he helps disseminate the insane ravings of the California dotard by reprinting the following slanderous atttack on the General Grand Recorder:

"'The real cause and animus which underlies this matter seems to be, from the facts stated by *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM A. MCGREW, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master of Colorado, the indifference or disinclination of the General Grand Recorder to promptly forward charters to Councils which had

been granted, and he evidently wanted to delay them for the very purpose of preventing them from forming a Grand Council, which would inevitably cut off the revenue of the *per capita* tax that went into the treasury of the General Grand Council. The delay of sending the charters, which seemed to the Colorado Councils unnecessary and intentional, and that the Grand Recorder was determined to prevent the organization, if possible, of the Grand Council of Colorado by his dilatory action. '*Montani semper liberi*' ('mountain men are always free'), and are also sensitive to the quick, and our Rocky Mountain Companions of Colorado evidently did not intend to be thwarted and ruled by the usurpation of the Secretariat in the southeast corner of the General Grand Council, and therefore took the bit in their teeth regardless of those who held the reins.'"

And which from the printed statements of McGREW and other Colorado Companions we believe to be true.

Ill.·. DAVID M. BURNS was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* WILLIAM H. SMYTHE re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

1897.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Indian Territory convened in Annual Assembly in the Masonic Hall, town of Purcell, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, on the third day of November A. D. 1897, A. Dep. 2897.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. EDMOND HENRY DOYLE, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are five Councils, four under Charter and one under Dispensation, with a membership of 112 on the roll of this Grand Council; the four chartered Councils being represented.

The Address of the Grand Master was very brief, covering but one page. It was very modest and kindly in tone throughout, and though its constituents are but few in number and having created one Council by Dispensation, he does not presume to make a fuss over it, as when a pullet does which has laid its first egg.

The Grand Recorder is a "Noble Red Man and an Honest Indian," as will be seen from the following extracts from his report.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Indian Territory:

The time has again arrived when I must report to you as Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS.

At the expense of the salary allowed me I have had five hundred copies of the preceedings of the last Grand Council printed, and I distributed them liberally to the Councils in our bounds and to all the Grand Councils in the United States and Canada.

FINANCES.

One of the most important subjects for our consideration is the question of adequate support of the Grand Council. It is true that our expense need not be large. But a small income is necessary. Our proceedings should be published each year, including a Report on Correspondence, that our Companions may have some information as to the Cryptic Masonry elsewhere in the world. Then a few dollars are needed each year for contingent expense, and, shall I say it, the Grand Recorder ought to have a little something for his services.

Why, yes, Comp. MURROW: "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and the Companion who wrote it should in due time receive his reward.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. ZACHARY TAYLOR WOLROND was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. Ill.·.* JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

1898.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Kansas met in its thirtieth Annual Assembly in the city of Wichita, Kansas, on February 14, 1898, at 9 A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. FRANK E. DAVIS, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* A. M. CALLAHAM, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are ten Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 739 (being a loss of 58 from the previous year). Seven Councils being represented. There were also present Representatives from eighteen other Grand Councils, including *Ill.·.* Comp. R. E. TORRINGTON, of California.

The Grand Master's Address covers six pages of fine printed matter. He welcomes the Representatives to the Grand Council; returns his gratitude to Divine Architect; pays a brief tribute to "Our Fraternal Dead"; reports having made one decision; remarks upon foreign representation; upon his appointments; dispensations and official visits; deplores the condition of the Cryptic Rite in that State; recommends that new efforts be made to have the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar be again importuned to make the Council Degrees pre-requisite to the orders of knighthood; recommends that the laws of this Grand Council be changed by amendment as to give constituent Councils the right to confer the degrees of the Cryptic Rite *for a minimum fee of one dollar* ($1.00)!

The Report on Correspondence is divided between Companions A. M. CALLAHAM and SILAS L. SEABROOK, and covers 45 pages of fine printed matter, in which thirty Grand Councils are reviewed, including California which is given a page and a third, and is by Comp. SEABROOK.

He says:—

"The Report on Correspondence was made by Comp. SHERMAN, and there are many things we would like to print in full. Much of what he says about the Colorado matter is sound Masonic law."

He then quotes what we said in relation to the Master Mason's Degree.

We most certainly concur with both Companions CALLAHAM and SEABROOK in their expressed opinions in relation to the Colorado affair, with but few minor exceptions; but with the lights before them they could come to no other conclusions. Comp. CALLAHAM says:

The correspondence between the General Grand Master and Grand Master McGrew, of Colorado Grand Council, was not a successful effort. At a later period, the next year, Jethro C. Sanford was elected Grand Master of the Colorado Grand Council, and his letters to the General Grand Master have the ring of a gentleman and a true Mason; and the replies of the General Grand Master were all that could have been expected or desired from his standpoint. Comp. Sanford says that neither he or any of their Grand Council knew of any communication from the General Grand Master relative to their Grand Council matter. The facts seem to be that Comp. McGrew, who appears to have been the instigator of the trouble, either suppressed the letters written to him by the General Grand Master, or he never received them.

The correspondence of the General Grand Recorder complained of by the Colorado Companions, as lacking in brotherly kindness, is conspicuous for its absence. As his correspondence seems to have been the only official correspondence by the General Grand Council with the erring Companions of Colorado for two months after organization of a Grand Council, it would seem to us that it was a matter that should have been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Without a question the Companions of Colorado did what they thought they had a right to do in the formation of their Grand Council; but the General Grand Master says they were wrong, and so we believe.

M.·. Ill.·. AARON H. CONNETT was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* A. M. CALLAHAM re-elected Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

KENTUCKY.

1897.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Kentucky met in Annual Assembly in the Asylum of Louisville Commandery No. 1, K. T., in Masonic Temple, Louisville, on Monday, October 18th, A. D. 1897, A. Dep. 2897 at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN CHRISTOPHER MCKEE, Grand Master, presiding, and *V.·. Ill.·.* LORENZO DOW CRONINGER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work. There are 19 Councils with a membership of 894 (an increase of 142 over the last year) on the roll of this Grand Council of which 13 Councils were represented. Representatives from 15 other Grand Councils were also present, California not included.

The Grand Master's address is a devout and fraternal one and closes with a benediction, the spirit of which is that of the kingdom of heaven. We take from it the following:

"*My Illustrious Companions:*—Another year with its victories and defeats, its hopes and fears, its joys and sorrows, has passed away. Anp I trust that, whatever success we may have achieved or what adversities we have suffered, the one may encourage us to hope for greater victories in the future, and the other remind us that, like the giant oak when bent by the winter's storm, we should strike deeper root, and be the better prepared to repel the enemies and withstand the conflicts of the years to come.

DEATHS.

"Allow me first to congratulate the Rite upon its continued good health; so far as I am informed, death has not invaded our ranks, for which our GOD should receive the gratitude of all hearts. But our Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions have not been so fortunate."

He then pays a tender fraternal tribute to their memory in words of pathos and devoutness, commending their souls to the loving kindness of the All-Father.

GRAND COUNCIL OF COLORADO.

Past Grand Master JAMES W. STATON, Chairman Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, called up his resolution on the Grand Council of Colorado, (see Correspondence Report of 1896, page 4), which on motion was unanimously adopted.

The resolution reads as follows:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Kentucky extends fraternal recognition to the Grand Council of Colorado, and heartily welcomes it into the family of independent Grand Councils.

The report on Correspondence is by *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion JAMES W. STATON, Past Grand Master, and covers only two pages; but it is *multum in parvo* and solid meat but raises new questions in regard to the exercise of powers of the General Grand Council not delegated to it by the Grand Council which formed it. He says:

"The only matter exciting much interest in Cryptic circles at this time is the noted Colorado question. We discussed that question at length in our report of last year, and do not propose to go over the ground again. The Grand Council did not take action at the last Assembly, choosing to wait and see the action of the General Grand Council before taking steps towards recognition.

"One correspondent has suggested that the General Grand Council would be perfectly justifiable in invading the Jurisdictions of all the Independent Grand Councils that have extended recognition to the Grand Council of Colorado. We do not know what other Jurisdictions would do, but we are satisfied that any Royal and Select Master in Kentucky who would lend himself to such an outrage as that suggested, would meet with a reception in his Chapter relations, upon complaint made to the Grand Chapter, that would be far from comfortable to him, because the Grand Chapter recognizes the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters as the only legitimite source of power of Cryptic Masonry in Kentucky. An invasion by any body styling itself as the Ruler of Cryptic Masonry would be resisted by the Grand Chapter and rebuked, as was the Cerneau Scottish Rite by the governing bodies in Kentucky a few years ago. We have no fear of the General Grand Council committing suicide in that way.

"The Independents that have granted recognition to Colorado, are not aware that they have shown any discourtesy—at least from our standpoint we do not think so. The question all hinges on the powers of the General Grand Council. If it has more power than any Independent Grand Council to compel the Subordinates it may organize to come within its jurisdiction when set apart into a Grand Council, then the position we assumed in our report of last year falls to the ground; but we have not seen any argument on the part of the followers of the General Grand Council to convince us that we made any mistake in our position of last year.

"The Grand Councils that organized the General Grand Council in 1880, cannot give the General Body any more power than they themselves possessed, and they possessed no more power at that time than do the Independents of to-day, not a whit. Consequently the General Grand Council is on a par with the Independents, while the constituents of the General Grand Council have surrendered all their power to organize Subordinate Councils outside of their own State Jurisdictions, and the Independents have not done so.

"But we have been led off much further in this matter than we intended when we started out, and must desist.

"It would be gratifying to be able to present a more extended report than this, but the condition of the Treasury will not admit of it, and we must be content. We hope for better success next year.

"With best wishes for the success of the Cryptic Rite in every land where it has a foothold, and kind regards to our Brother Correspondents, we submit this brief report.

"JAMES W. STATON,
Chairman.

We have held and still hold to the same opinion, that the Councils of Colorado (there being no prohibitory clause in the Constitution of the General Grand Council at the time forbidding it), had the Masonic right to organize the Grand Council of Colorado under it the same as if they had been created by an independent State Grand Council; and further, that by the discourtesy received at the hands of the General Grand Recorder it may be said to have been invited by such action and provoked to do that which they did in organizing an Independent State Grand Council and to seek recognition of the other Independent Grand Councils which the Grand Council of Colorado had a right to do. After the act was done, the General Grand Master by edict attempted to remedy the defect of the Constitution when it was too late, and Companion STATON takes the position that the powers granted to the General Grand Council are limited, and that it is a usurpation on its part. There is no record of Illinois having withdrawn its claim to occupancy to the territory of Colorado where it had planted the Cryptic Rite, before being occupied by the General Grand Council. It may be a dead claim for Illinois, to be sure; but it at least had title to the cemetery.

The General Grand Council, however, declares that it had and still has perpetual jurisdiction over Colorado. The other Independent Grand Councils by recognition and interchange of Representatives with the

Grand Council of Colorado declared it had not; and since the recent Triennial Session of the General Grand Council at Baltimore, the Grand Council of Kentucky, upon motion of Companion STATON, disregarding the action of the former, now by resolution has

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Council of Kentucky extends fraternal recognition to the Grand Council of Colorado, and heartily welcomes it into the family of independent Grand Councils."

Now that is Kentucky's *ultimatum* which had been held in abeyance, and must be regarded by the General Grand Council as an act of unfriendliness towards itself, and as we said in our report last year, it invites retaliation; "but it makes a good deal of difference whose ox is gored," as to the "outrage" that would be committed by the retaliation by the General Grand Council in either organizing or encouraging the organization of Councils in the State of Kentucky. But granted that the Grand Council of Kentucky is well fortified by compact with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of that State, that no new Councils could be there established in retaliation by the General Grand Council, yet the latter might in return exercise its reserved powers and issue an edict of interdiction of non-intercourse between the bodies and members of its own obedience with those of the obedience of the other independent Grand Councils. We do not say that it would; but if it felt strong enough and deemed it expedient to do so, the independent Grand Councils which have recognized the Grand Council of Colorado and interchanged representatives with it, would have no reasonable cause to demur or the right to complain. We are reasoning now upon the facts, the status and powers of all these Grand Councils.

We fully reciprocate the kind fraternal sentiments of our good and liberal Companion Past Grand Master STATON. Long may he live and flourish.

M.·. Ill.·. Companion FRANK HOLLINSHEAD JOHNSON was elected Grand Master, *R.·. Ill.·.*, Companion LORENZO DOW CRONINGER re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

1897.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Louisiana assembled in the Masonic Temple, corner of St. Charles and Perdido streets, city of New Orleans, on Thursday, February 11, 1897, at 12 o'clock M.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. GEORGE O. ELMS as Grand Master presiding, and *Ill.·.* Com. RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are seven Councils with a membership of 195 (an increase of four during the past year) on the roll of this Grand Council, of which six Councils were represented. Eleven Representatives from other Grand Councils were also present, including *Ill.·.* Comp. SAMUEL M. TODD, of the Grand Council of California, who is always present.

The Grand Master *M.·. Ill.·.* Rev. HERMAN C. DUNCAN not being able to be present on account of the severe illness of one of his parishioners but sent in his Address, which was very brief and read by the Grand Recorder.

The various Committees made their reports, but there was nothing of any general importance. There was no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. GEORGE O. ELMS was elected Grand Master, and our old Comrade Veteran of the Mexican War, RICHARD LAMBERT, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND.

1895, 1896.

The twenty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, on Wednesday, November 13, A. Dep. 2895, A. D. 1895, and the twenty-third Annual Assembly held at the same place, on Wednesday, November 11, A. Dep. 2896, A. D. 1896.

M.·. Ill.·. HENRY C. LARRABEE, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are eleven Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 555 (a decrease of 42 or seven per cent.) on the roll of this Grand Council. Nine Councils were represented. Representatives from seventeen Grand Councils were also present including *Ill.·.* Comp. ALBERT P. LYMAN, of California.

The Address of Grand Master LARRABEE at both Annual Assemblies are models and business like documents, which exhibit care and devotion to the interests of the Cryptic Rite under his supervision and direction. As he could not control or be held responsible for the hard times, which have hit our Masonic Beauty, "My Maryland" as well as her fair sisters elsewhere, yet, she is not too poor to recognize faithful service and merit in her deserving Grand Master as will be seen in what here follows in extracts from his Addresses and the Report of his able and skillful Lieutenant. Thrice *Ill.·.* Comp. GRAHAM DUKEHART who is continuously appointed Grand Lecturer.

ADDRESS.

Companions: With exceeding great pleasure I report that the condition of the Rite in our jurisdiction is satisfactory. While there has been no phenomenal additions to our members during the past year, and perhaps such is not to expected, yet most of our subordinates have shown commendable zeal and activity and are in prosperous condition.

Grand Visitations to the Subordinate Councils outside of Baltimore City have been prevented by unavoidable circumstances, but those Councils have had the care and attention of our Grand Lecturer, Companion GRAHAM DUKEHART. Opportunities to visit the Councils in the City of Baltimore have been availed of to the mutual pleasure and advantage of both the officers and members of the Grand and Subordinate Councils.

On June 14th last Salem Council, No. 11, at Cumberland was Constituted by Companion GRAHAM DUKEHART, acting as my proxy. Evidences are apparent of this Council becoming an active and prosperous Subordinate of this Grand Body.

Under date of May 15, 1895, notice was received from the General Grand Recorder of the suspension from office of the Thrice Illustrious Masters of five Subordinate Councils, Constituents of the General Grand Council, which had formed a Grand Council for the State of Colorado, without the authority of and independent of the General Grand Council. Following this notice from the General Grand Recorder, there was received, under date of July 8, 1895, a communication signed W. A. McGrew, Grand Master Colorado, Royal and Select Masters, giving a statement of the formation of said Grand Council, and asking recognition by this Grand Council. Concluding that the question as to the right of the Companions of Colorado to take the step they have will be determined by the General Grand Council, it is advised that consideration of the request for recognition by this Grand Council be deferred until after the next Triennial of the General Grand Council.

After giving an account of his official acts in 1896, he said:

"This being our last Annual Assembly prior to the Triennial of the General Grand Council in Baltimore in October, 1897, I take occasion to make reminder that at our Annual Assembly of 1894 there was appointed a Committee, consisting of companions Graham Dukehart, Gustav A. Eitel and J. James Foble, which is charged with the duty of welcoming the Representatives to the General Grand Council to our jurisdiction, as also of conserving the business interests of the General Grand Body.

With gratitude to the Giver of all Good for His past mercies and that our number has not been depleted by the Grim Destroyer since last we met, let us invoke His continued protecting care over us, and His aid in all our laudable undertakings."

Henry C. Labrabee,
Grand Master.

Ill.·. Comp. Graham Dukehart at both Annual Assemblies of 1895 and 1896 presented his reports which were adopted.

If ever there was a consciencious faithful officer anywhere, our loved Companion Graham Dukehart is that one.

There was no Report on Correspondence. *Ill.·.* Comp. George L. McCahan for the Committee reports having received the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils, including California for 1896. We here take opportunity of acknowledging our gratitude to him as General Grand High Priest for the beautiful bronze medal stuck to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the General Grand Chapter, held in Baltimore on the 12th of October last and the 405th Anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, but who failed to discover Baltimore Oysters. At least he does not mention the fact if he did.

At the twenty-second Annual Assembly, in November 1895, of this Grand Council, immediately following the election of officers. Past Grand Master George L. McCahan installed Companion Henry C. Labrabee as *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master for the ensuing term and, on behalf of the Companions of the Grand and Subordinate Councils, invested him with a Past Grand Master's Jewel of gold, enriched with diamonds—three on each side of the triangle—as a token, suggestive in its value, of esteem and appreciation of his long and consciencious service in the interests of Cryptic Masonry in Maryland.

Companion LARRABEE, in his acceptance of the gift and response to the tribute paid him on behalf of his Companions, expressed his warmest thanks for the former, and accorded generous acknowledgment of the hearty co-operation and assistance he had always been the recipient of from his Companions in all that pertained to the interests of the Cryptic Rite in the Jurisdiction.

We congratulate him, for it was honestly and well deserved.

In 1896 *M.·. Ill.·.* HENRY C. LARRABEE was re-elected Grand Master, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE L. CAHAN re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

1897.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Maine assembled at Masonic Hall in Portland, on Wednesday, the 5th day of May, A. L. 5897, A. D. 1897, A. Dep. 2897, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

M.·. Ill.·. HUGH C. CHAPLIN, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. I.·.* STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are sixteen Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 2341 on its rolls, being an increase of 152 over the previous year. These Councils have not been out gathering rocks to stone STEPHEN, but it looks as if they had gone a BERRYING and gathered many pints between them. Fifteen Councils were represented by thirty-one representatives present. Representatives from twenty-two Grand Councils were present, including *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JOSIAH DRUMMOND, of California, who also represents four other Grand Councils, Missouri, New York and Tennessee on the roll of the General Grand Council and also Pennsylvania, which is independent.

The Address of the Grand Master and the Reports of the Deputy Grand Master and of the Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, between whom the supervision of the Cryptic Rite in that State is shared, show faithful application to their duties, which were well performed.

It was not necessary to appoint a committee to examine the Grand Recorder's Annual Report, for he saves that much legislation and time, and we produce it in full. It is a model for its brevity.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

Grand Recorder BERRY submitted his Annual Report, which was accepted, viz:

MASONIC HALL, PORTLAND,
WEDNESDAY, May 5, 1897.

To the Grand Council of Maine:

The duties of Grand Recorder have been punctually performed during the past year. The written record has been made up and the Committee of Finance have approved it, together with my accounts, and I have paid over to the Grand Treasurer all moneys which have come into my hands.

Fraternally submitted,
STEPHEN BERRY, *Grand Recorder.*

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.*. Comp. ALBRO E. CHASE, who reviews eighteen Councils under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council, including California, eight Independent and two Foreign Grand Councils, or twenty-eight in all, covering thirty-nine pages, of which California gets a page and a third—its due proportion. We do not have to run in the CHASE to get our share.

He quotes from Past Grand Master CHARLES E. GILLETT'S Address, and from the Report of Grand Recorder CASWELL, and in remarking upon the number suspended for the non-payment of dues, says:

"The question of non-payment of dues in hard times requires the wisdom of a Solomon for its solution, and sometimes it would seem that justice was not tempered with mercy."

We can assure Companion CHASE that California is not lacking in the quality of mercy; but when fully satisfied that it was curiosity *alone* that has made the delinquents, intruders in the Secret Vault, and after having been admitted Companions, Royal and Select, and they will not attend or assist in the labor, and would abandon it by neglect and let the arches fall into ruins, so far as they are concerned, we wipe out their names on the roll of the Workmen, for the Secret Vault is not an underground lodging house with spring mattress beds for the accommodation of such drones.

Under the head of "Kansas" in reviewing Companion CALLAHAM'S Report in his review of Indian Territory, who said—

"Now we have struck a snag. 'On motion the Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. This election was entirely harmonious, all the officers being elected by acclamation.' This is the first time we ever heard of officers of a Masonic body being elected by *acclamation*,"—

Companion CHASE remarks:

"Now, perhaps this election was a unanimous *viva voce* vote. We have not at hand the constitution of the Grand Council of Indian Territory for examination and do not know if they require at their election a *ballot*. If so required, it should have followed. If not required, then the procedure is harmful. We have never yet attended a Masonic election in which we were permitted to participate, that we did not object when it was proposed that some one brother cast the vote for the office proposed for some particular brother, although we might support his election."

Well and wisely said, Companion CHASE. Whenever any such motion is made it is of superlative egotism and usurpation of all individual rights on the part of the one who makes such motion, who arrogates to himself all the wisdom, knowledge, rights and powers which belong to, and are equally to be shared by every member in an election of officers. Besides it is a wrong to the institution itself, which is attempted to be inflicted by such proposed action. Give every brother and Companion an even chance before his fellows for their suffrage and let every one abide the ordeal of the ballot, "Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable," will apply in Masonic elections as in National affairs. Companion CHASE, we concur.

M.·. Ill.·. OLIVER A. COBB was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. Ill.·.* STEPHEN BERRY, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

1897.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Massachusetts, was held in Masonic Hall, No. 18, Boylston Street, Boston, on Wednesday, December 8th, A. D. 1897, Anno Dep. 2897. *M.·. Ill.·.* SAMUEL G. LYMAN Grand Master presiding, and *P.·. Ill.·.* Comp. SERANUS BOWEN Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 27 Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 5709, (being an increase by receptions, applications and restorations of 968, or a little over 20 per cent); of which 21 Councils were represented. *Hurrah for the "Old Bay" our Native State!* There were representatives from 19 Grand Councils also present.

In the Order of Business we note that the records of the Special Assemblies were read and approved, and the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer then followed before the Grand Master's address was delivered. We take the following extracts from the latter of this Most Illustrious Indefatigable, Industrious and Devoted Grand Master and Fisher of Men.

Should he ever cast his hook to catch a cod,
'Twould be a whale, he'd have, to test his rod,
With clam or quahog for his enticing bait,
Not long would Lyman have to lie in wait,
For halibut or bass, or e'en a mackerel mess;
But hold! e'er we quite forget his fine address.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

IN GRAND COUNCIL, December 8, 1897.

Companions:—According to our usual custom we are assembled together to record our devotion and fidelity to the cause in which we are so deeply interested. If can indeed be said that Cryptic Masonry in Massachusetts is in a very sound and prosperous condition, and I feel that it is fitting that we should render thanks to the Giver of every good and perfect gift for His guidance and protection during the year that has passed.

NECROLOGY.

The weeks and months that have brought again the date of our Annual Assembly have been filled with activity, anxiety and earnest work. They have brought both pleasure and disappointments, and they have not left our circle untouched by death. One who has met with us often, who was with us at our last Assembly will be with us no more. When the shadow death closed around the life of Illustrious Companion WILLIAM BICKFORD, there passed from us an earnest, honest, conscientious worker in our cause a pure-hearted man and a true friend.

"His life has flowed
From its mysterious urn, a sacred stream
In whose calm death the beautiful and pure
Alone are mirrored."

Illustrious Companion WALTER F. MEDDING has been requested to prepare a suitable memorial to his memory, which will be presented at this Assembly.

Several members of the Subordinate Councils have answered to the summons of the Grand Master of the Universe, whose infinite power we cannot comprehend, and whose righteous authority we do not question, and we tender to those Councils our deepest sympathy in the loss they have each sustained.

In conclusion, Companions, after thanking you for your kind indulgence, and expressing my appreciation of the many courtesies you have extended to me during my official connection with this Grand Council allow me to impress upon your memory this thought—so to live that the world will be better for our presence, and that our fellow-men will be strengthened and ennobled by our influence; then, truly indeed, will Cryptic Masonry have a splendid triumph and its laurels be imperishable.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution reported an Amendment, raising the fee for the Degrees *ten* dollars, so that it shall read "No Subordinate Council shall confer the Degrees for a less sum than *twenty-five* dollars," etc.

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, who reviews the proceedings of 17 Grand Councils covering 24 pages the most of which is in fine print, and gives to California a little over two pages. He quotes from Grand Master WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS' address, and also says "We congratulate our California Companions on what we hope will be a long season of permanent prosperity," which expression of fraternal good will is heartily reciprocated.

M.·. Ill.·. SAMUEL G. LYMAN was elected Grand Master and *R.·. Ill.·.* SERANUS BOWEN re-elected Grand Recorder, compliments justly deserved.

MICHIGAN.

1897.

The thirty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Saginaw, commencing on Monday, the eighteenth day of January, A. D. 1897, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

M.·. Ill.·. GEORGE P. MCMAHON (the Handsome and the Good, if his portrait on the first page of the Proceedings of 1897 is a semblance to judge by), holding the gavel of direction, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, in the absence of *Ill.·.* Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE, who was sick, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are fifty-eight Councils in this Jurisdiction, the Banner State of the Cryptic Rite in the number of Councils, with a membership of 4123, nearly equal to that of Massachusetts, and fifty-two Councils were represented. Representatives from eleven other Grand Councils were also present.

The Annual Address of Grand Master MCMAHON rises to sublimity in conception of thought, and the carbon in the ink with which he wrote it,

crystallyzed into diamonds at the point of his pen in the utmost brilliancy of sparkling gems, which glow and flash upon the pages of the Proceedings, while those who had the good fortune to have heard it in that Grand Council, found jewels in their ears without being bored. We have not room but for a portion of this magnificent and eloquent masterly oration, which ought to be placed by Companion BROWNELL of the American TYLER among his "Gems from the Quarries" at Detroit, the City of the Straits.

He said:—

Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Michigan:

Companions: The year which has just passed has been one of unusual business depression. Thousands, who a year ago were filled with proud and confident hope, are to-day reduced to poverty. It has been a year of trial, of frustrated purposes and blasted ambitions, in the business world. It has been a year of distress for those engaged in operative Masonry. Their working tools have rusted in idleness, and they have listened in vain for the hushed music of their industry. Many walls have indeed crumbled and fallen, but few have been builded. Want has invaded many homes, even those of the thrifty, the industrious, the willing and eager toilers, who only sought a task, and scorned to eat the bread of idleness or charity.

"True Masonry is a life. Its foundations are laid deep in the needs of our human nature. It answers to aspirations and sentiments of the human heart which are real and vital. If this were not true, Masonry would have ceased to exist ages ago.

"GRAND RECORDER.

"I know I but voice the sentiment of every Companion present, in stating that it is a matter of sincerest regret that our well beloved Companion, the venerable Grand Recorder of this Grand Council, is unable to be with us at this meeting. Illustrious Companion Noble has been confined to his home by illness since August last. It has been my good fortune to be able to visit him frequently, and I assure you that although the infirmities of age prevent his presence here at this time, his heart still throbs in sympathy with every interest of this Grand Council. I am certain it will be the earnest prayer of each of us, that this dear old Companion, who for more than a quarter of a century has been a "Pillar of Strength" to this Grand Body, may be spared to cheer us with his presence and aid with his advice at many future assemblies."

We should have stated that prior to the Grand Master's Address the following Letter of Condolence was read and adopted.

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE.

Companion Francis A. Blades read the following resolution of condolence to our well beloved Grand Recorder, Garra B. Noble, and on motion the same was ordered engrossed and sent by special postal messenger to our afflicted Companion, the same being adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, tender to our most worthy companion and brother, Garra B. Noble, Grand Recorder, our most heartfelt sympathy for him in his affliction and sickness, and further express to him how deeply we feel and mourn his

absence from us at this meeting of the Grand Council. And we most devoutly pray the tender hand of the blessed Redeemer of man, our blessed Saviour, may make his bed in this sickness and comfort his heart as He alone can.

Dear Companion Noble, we greet you with Companion's love.

SAGINAW, Jan. 18, 1897.

Signed by all the Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters present.

But soon after the close of this Grand Assembly Companion GARRA B. NOBLE on the 19th of February was called to rest from his labors and the Committee on Obituaries affixed the following addenda to their report:

ADDENDA. Very soon after the close of the Annual Assembly, *M.·. I.·.* Companion Garra B. Noble, was admitted to the ninth arch, there to receive the rewards that await the faithful laborer. Companion Noble's labors for Cryptic Masonry, through the long series of years during which he had served this Grand Council, endeared him to the hearts of his many Companions and brethren of this state, and his extended service as writer of the correspondence reports had won for him a high place among the masonic writers of this age.

His genial, kindly face, beaming with good will and love for his companions, will be sadly missed by all who have attended the Annual Assemblies of this Grand Council. Very few of the present members of this Grand Body have ever seen any other but him occupying the station of the Grand Recorder and his absence from his accustomed post will be felt as a great personal loss by all of us.

He was *T.·. I.·. G.·. P.·.* of this Grand Council in the year 1864, and in 1871 was elected Grand Recorder, which position he filled to the entire satisfaction of his Companions until the commencement of the present year, a period of twenty-six years, when, on account of the infirmities incident to his advanced age, he was unanimously elected Emeritus Grand Recorder for the remainder of his life. Alas, that meant but a few more days of painless approach to the River of Death, when like a weary child upon its mother's breast, he peacefully closed his eyes on earthly scenes to open them in his Father's Kingdom.

"We shall meet, but we shall miss him,
There will be one vacant chair."

Friend, Brother and Companion, fare thee well.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
EMERSON M. NEWELL,
CHAS. D. BLANCHARD.

We have for several years been struck with the peculiarity of this loved dead Companion's name. The surname NOBLE was all right; but the name GARRA and its origin we could not make out. The Spanish word AGARRA, a noun, means a grasp or grip and AGARRA is active verb transitive, means to sieze, to lay hold of, to compass. The Saxon word GAR, a noun, is a dart or weapon; as in EDGAR or EADGAR, a happy weapon; and singular enough, ETHELGAR means a noble weapon, and in this case we have NOBLE to attach the weapon to or combining both the Spanish and Saxon definition, we have the meaning, to grasp a noble

weapon. And very appropriately officially, our late loved Companion GARRA B. NOBLE, was a noble instrument or weapon in the hands of the Grand Council of Michigan with sword, trowel and pen, to guard and build its Secret Vault and write the records of its work.

M.·. Ill.·. Companion LLOYD B. HESS was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Companion JEFFERSON S. CONOVER elected Grand Recorder. He was also appointed Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence whose report we will review together in the proceedings of

1898.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan convened in Armory Hall in the city of Grand Rapids on Monday evening, January 17th, 1898, A. Dep. 2898, at seven o'clock for the purpose of holding its fortieth Annual Assembly.

M.·. Ill.·. LLOYD B, HESS, Grand Master presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are now fifty-nine Councils (a gain of one) under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, with a membership of 4,337 (a gain of 214 over the last year), of which fifty-four were represented. There were also present representatives from fourteen other Grand Councils.

The Grand Master's address is a most thorough business document, with kindly and tender fraternal feeling manifested all through it, and only want of space prevents us from copying largely from it at this time, as Michigan has telescoped its proceedings of two assemblies upon us.

The Report on Correspondence is by that just and fair minded Companion JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, who succeeds our late Companion GARRA B. NOBLE, who could not be otherwise, and his mantle has fallen on worthy and able shoulders, well fitted for the duties he has to perform.

In his report in 1896, which covers nineteen pages, two are given to California, in which he quotes nearly a full page of Past Grand Master CHARLES E. GILLETT'S Address, and a page of extracts from our own report with favorable comments thereon.

His report of 1898 covers seventy-one pages, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Councils, of which he gives two pages to California. He quotes freely from Past Grand WILLIAM HEWSOM DAVIS' Address, as well as from Grand Recorder CASWELL'S Report. He also quotes from our report a page and a half, with like favorable comments also thereon. In addition to his review, he gives fifteen pages of the opinions expressed by Grand Masters and Correspondence Committees from nine Jurisdictions, giving opinions *pro* and *con* upon the Colorado embroglio. Three and a half pages are taken from the Report on Correspondence of California upon this subject; and while we are writing upon this matter, and Michigan being comparatively neutral ground, we we will briefly give the status.

Neither Colorado or any other territory was, or is, exclusively, the territory of the General Grand Council, for it was open to all, and Colorado, having now organized its own Grand Council, is sufficient notice at least to the other Independent Grand Councils to keep out, and they have done so, and recognize the Colorado Grand Council as one of themselves; and it has the power to propagate the Cryptic Rite in New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming or any other Territory where there is no Grand Council organized. The right to do so is denied by the General Grand Council, of course, but if it is done how will it help itself, is a question. The General Grand Council has *twenty* States and *one* Territory under its jurisdiction. There are twelve Independent State Grand Councils, with thirteen States and three Territories in which there are no Grand Councils and that is territory free to all and exclusive to none. The unwise action of the General Grand Master, through his Deputy, in forcibly planting Councils in Colorado and elsewhere, in the manner and spirit in which it has been done, has only aggravated the condition and made matters worse. Half of the Councils so created have either surrendered their charters or they have been annulled. *One* established in Colorado has revolted and gone over to the Grand Council in that State. *Two* in Arizona, *five* in Montana, *three* in New Mexico, *four* in North Dakota, *thirteen* in South Dakota, *one* in Utah and *five* in Wyoming, or *twenty-five* in all, thus forcibly planted in the interim, have gone out of existence, and for a period at least, the ground is worse than if it had never been touched; and, as we have already said, it is like drilling a hole in hard, rocky ground and planting in it the seed corn by firing it in from a shot gun. It smacks too much of the methods of the *Cerneau* frauds. It is an injury to the Cryptic Rite in particular and to Freemasonry in general.

The General Grand Master himself should have gone to Colorado in the very beginning of the trouble, removed the reasonable cause of complaint, smoothed over matters and thus won the Colorado Companions back to their allegience, if it were possible. It is now too late, and Colorado apparently is lost to the General Grand Council for at least half a century.

M.·. Ill.·. CHARLES M. NORTON was elected Grand Master and *R.·. Ill.·.* JEFFERSON S. CONOVER re-elected Grand Recorder, and who is also continued as the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

MINNESOTA.

1897.

The twenty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota, was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of St. Paul, on Monday, November 8th, A. D. 1897, A. Dep. 2897, commencing at two o'clock, P. M.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN H. RANDALL, Grand Master presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 9 Councils in this Jurisdiction with a membership of 737, (being a gain of three during the past year), and all were represented. There were also present Representatives from 19 other Grand Councils.

The Grand Masters' address was an able one.

The Report on Correspondence is by that genial Companion THOMAS MONTGOMERY, the Grand Recorder, who reviews the Proceedings of 27 Grand Councils, 5 of them being double for the years 1896 and 1897, covering 34 years.

He gives three pages to California, quoting from Past Grand Master WILLIAM HENSON DAVIS' address and two and a half pages from our report of last year, which we regard as a compliment, but was it worth the while and limit the space of others. After over a page in full, of what we had to say in relation to the Master Mason's Degree, he says:

"Our learned Companion writes so clearly throughout that we would be glad to quote further, but must content ourselves with what he has to say about "The House of Brandenburg" for the delectation of our Minnesota Companions."

He then gives that in full. We wrote that facetiously and at the same to explain a truth which might be profitable, in the way of giving light to Comp. BRANDENBURG, while "the lad knew not anything, only David and Jonathan understood the matter."

In his conclusion of California and of our remarks upon Minnesota, he says:

"There are many rich, racy and eloquent passages in this ably written report that we would gladly reproduce did space permit. Come in, Companions, and read it, as I did with great interest and profit."

We hardly think that what we wrote was deserving of so much praise.

Companion MONTGOMERY is sound upon the question of the origin of the Cryptic Rite. He is loyal as he should be to the General Grand Council, as Minnesota, like California and other Grand Councils surrendered their sovereignty to that Grand Body. He is opposed to the method of the organization of the Grand Council of Colorado. But don't you think Comp. MONTGOMERY it would have been the best plan after all, for the General Grand Master to have gone to Colorado, at the beginning and acted like the Old Presbyterian parson did at one time out on the frontiers. His daughter had got tired of listening to obedience and the doctrines of election, fore-ordination, predestination, and a future hell and damnation, and eloped with her lover out across the plains to the Black Hills; but they were true to each other though not married; and in the process of nature, when the months were three times three, a youngster made his appearance and parental duties now devolved upon them. The old parson worried with anxiety, sorrow and heartache, traveled nearly everywhere to find his lost daughter. At last he struck their trail, and looking across a small valley he saw a comfortable cabin, a nice farm, plenty of stock, and a stout, healthy fellow on horse-back with a six-shooter strapped to his side, ride up to the door, and out came a young woman with a handsome baby boy in her arms and holding him up for the young fellow to kiss. The old parson had put away his white chocker, walked with rapid strides up to where they were, and the recognition

was mutual all around. "Are you married"? he tremblingly inquired. "Why, don't you see we are?" responded the young fellow, holding up the baby to him. There was a basin of water close at hand, and the old parson inquired the child's name, "Isaiah Huntington Thompson," responded the young fellow, for he was named after the old parson himself. The old chap was staggered, but told them each to take hold of the baby's hands and then with the basin of water, he sprinkled the youngster and said, "I baptize thee Isaiah Huntington Thompson in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and pronounce you James Thompson and Amanda Huntington husband and wife," thus christening the baby and marrying the parents at the same time. But as he made a note in his book, he said:

"I will post date the latter part of this ceremony, children, so as to bear the date when you both ran away, which was evidently predestined and foreordained, and if I had not lived to get here, I am afraid that sometime in the near future, that hell and damnation would be to pay."

M.·. Ill.·. J. H. MARTIN was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

1897.

The thirty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri, was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Louis, on Wednesday, April 21st. A. D. 1867, A. Dep. 2847, at 2 o'clock P. M.

M.·. Ill.·. EMANUEL F. HARTZELL, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 11 Councils in this Jurisdiction with a membership of 761, (being an increase of 48 over the previous year), all of which were represented. Representatives were present from 20 other Grand Councils.

The Grand Masters address was super-excellent, and in his decisions we most heartily concur as sound Masonic doctrine, the same laws being in force in California. We take the following extracts from it:

"ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:—The noiseless tread of time has measured another year. Through the blessings and mercies of the Supreme Master of the Universe, before whom we bow in adoration, and whose All-seeing Eye has marked our labors here below, we are again permitted to greet each other with a hearty hand-clasp and fraternal good will in this our thirty-second Annual Assembly. It is with much pleasure that I extend to one and all a heartfelt greeting within our Royal Vault, and take up the duty of presenting to you an account of my labors for the past year. Peace and good-will reigns everywhere in our Jurisdiction. Nothing has occurred to mar the harmony that should prevail in the Secret Vault.

MASONIC HOME.

"The Masonic Home continues to be the pride of Masons throughout the State, and with each returning year its usefulness is being better un-

derstood and appreciated, so that to-day it finds no opposition among the faithful of the Craft. The success of the Home is a living monument to the energies and abilities of the faithful brethren who have been chosen from time to time as its directors, and to whom the Craft throughout the State owe a lasting debt of gratitude.

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO the Grand Recorder, in which he reviews the Proceedings of 25 Grand Councils covering 42 pages. California is not included for the reason we suppose that both Grand Councils meet about the same time, though California for 1896 ought to have reached him.

In his review of Maryland, which has amended its Constitution, "that no Council in the City of Baltimore shall the degress be conferred for less than *five* dollars, nor any Council outside of Baltimore, for a less sum than *three* dollars." He says:

"The above looks very much to us like class legislation."

We would call Comp. MAYO's attention to the fact that St. Louis is too far away from the oyster beds to form a correct opinion. Refreshments are dearer in town, than down on Chesapeak Bay. It is men and Masons that Maryland Cryptic Companions want, while the fee itself is a mere bagatelle, and would scarcely pay for the oyster in his shell. "My Maryland" is all right. The General Grand Council found her so, as we did several times, some years ago, and if Companion MAYO does not find her that way, we will pay for several dozen raw or in pan roasts, and guarantee that they will stay down without any St. Louis beer, if he indulges in that beverage. But good luck to him and to Missouri, the mother of California and Oregon Masonry.

M.·. Ill.·. ELIJAH H. PHELPS was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

1897.

The forty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Mississippi was held in the hall of Biloxi Council No..., in the city of Biloxi, commencing at 11 o'clock, Tuesday, February 9, A. D. 1897, A. Dep. 2897.

M.·. Ill.·. FREDERIC SPEED, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM G. PAXTON as Grand Recorder keeping the minutes of the work.

There are thirteen Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 463 (being a derease of eight members during the previous year), of which twelve were represented.

The Grand Master's Address covers a little more than twelve pages of finely printed matter. We are lost in our admiration of this unequalled address of all that have come to our hands this year. It is fervid with glowing eloquence, tender pathos, earnest patriotism, sympathy for the down-trodden of humanity in Armenia and Cuba, and lifts the soul far up above the stars and within the Celestial Secret Vault where the Supreme Grand Master, the All Father, gathers his children around the Great White

Throne. We wish that we had room for it all; but want of space limits us to a few choice extracts, that "the thoughts that breathe and words that burn", may ventilate and give additional light in our own Secret Vault. He said:—

"When D'Iberville returned as an answer, to the request of certain French Protestants to be permitted to land upon this coast, here at Biloxi, less than two hundred years ago, that the French King had not chased heretics out of his Kingdom to make a republic for them in America, he little thought that the great Republic of America would be a Protestant Nation, protesting against Lords, spiritual and temporal, against wrong and oppression coming either from the King or the Pope; that here, ere two centuries should be rolled upon the scroll of time, there would assemble on these fair shores of the great Mexican Gulf, the representatives of the great Republic of Freemasonry, which was, even then, evolving in its secret councils the grand scheme of making all men akin, a universal brotherhood, dedicated to the sublimest creed which has ever been formulated, to draw all the children of God near to the altar upon which incense is burned, day and night, a sweet-smelling savor, ascending to a God who is the father of all, and who has taught us to pray, in the prevailing words, Our Father who art in heaven, forgive us our tresspasses, as we forgive those who tresspass against us. D'Iberville is dead and with him the influences which swayed him and made him a bigot, blinded to the fact that the will of God is that all men should form one great brotherhood, forgiving and forgetting, as his grave is forgotten, the tresspasses which he wrought against his fellow men, who kneeled not before the same altar with him. The civilization which he sought to plant upon these shores has passed away, along with the narrow-minded followers who applauded the denunciation which he spoke against freedom and conscience and that liberty which makes all men free. Thus it is that man proposes, but God disposes; it was not destined that a despotism should be planted upon these fair shores; that these grand oaks, swaying their gigantic arms before the tempest's roar, should cover with their ever-blooming vendure the wail of the captive; their sombre moss, swaying to the breeze of the free air of enlightened America, was the funeral drapery of the Latin civilization, which received its inspiration from the dungeon cell of the Inquisition, The wind, sighing through their majestic forms was, even then, singing the requiem of religious and temporal tyranny, and the Anglo-Saxon and Teutonic Lodges were teaching the cardinal truth that man is a responsible being, endowed by his Creator with an inalienable right to worship him as conscience dictates, when d'Iberville was driving from these shores refugees from spiritual tyranny, and already the great war-cry of Freemasonry, that man is sovereign over his mind and must deal in charity with the opinions and judgment of his fellows, had been raised, to come swelling in volume and intensity down the ages, until at last all the civilized world should unite in the grand refrain, 'Glory to God on high, on earth, peace, good will among men.'

"To-day we are proud of the fact that we are a part of the great American Commonwealth, which but yesterday, after months of excitement and discussion, recorded its verdict in favor of a given line of political policy and, then, as it were, in a night, laid aside the banners under which the people went forth to war in the peaceful battle of the ballot box, and next morning, as the mists are dissolved before the rising sun, laid aside with their campaign paraphernalia the passions and resentments of the conflict and with one voice broke forth into a grand chorus."

NEBRASKA.

1896.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Nebraska met in Annual Assembly at Freemasons' Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning of Wednesday, December 16th, 1896.

M.·. Ill.·. HENRY A. TURTON, Grand Master presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 14 Councils in this Jurisdiction with a membership of 371, of which 8 Councils were represented.

The address of the Grand Master occupies not more than five paragraphs in two pages, yet it is a first rate one and in full harmony and appropriateness with the principles inculcated in the Secret Vault.

We are much amused at our good Companion WILLIAM R. BOWEN'S, the Grand Recorder's Report. There is neither wind or water in it, and the spirit of enthusiasm exhibited in its conclusion is worthy of all praise. It is short and sweet, and we here give the whole of it:

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Council:

During the year I have received funds as follows:

Nov. 7,	1896,	Adoniram Council,	5,	$6 50
Dec. 1,	"	Furnas "	3,	12 00
" 14,	"	Omaha "	1,	33 00
				$51 50

My office expense for the year is—postage, $5.40; stationery, $3.50; total, $8.90.

Zealously,

WM. R. BOWEN, *Grand Recorder.*

Comp. DANIEL H. WHEELER, the Grand Treasurer, reports $130.64 in the Treasury.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. CHARLES J. PHELPS, was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM R. BOWEN, re-elected Grand Recorder. We will always take Comp. WILLIAM'S word, for is he not OMAHA BOWEN?

NEW BRUNSWICK.

1896.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and Appendant Orders for the Province of New Brunswick, assembled in Annual Convocation at its Grand East in the Masonic Temple, city of Saint John, on the 17th day of August, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896.

M.·. P.·. W.·. B.·. WALLACE, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Companion ROBERT MARSHALL, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are seven councils in this Jurisdiction, but its number of membership is not given.

The address of the Grand Master is a good one, devout and fraternal in spirit, and shows that he has been a diligent and faithful officer in the performance of his duties over his Jurisdiction.

The Proceedings from 1867 to 1896 inclusive are bound together and they are the first we have ever received.

In examining the constitution of this Grand Council to learn what were the "Appendant Orders" connected with the Cryptic Rite, we find that in addition to the "Royal," "Select," and "Super Excellent," that the Order of the "Red Cross" or "Babylonish Pass" is also conferred upon Royal Arch Masons. We were aware that this was done in Royal Arch Chapters under the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland; but this is the first time that we have seen where that any Council of Royal and Select Masters was authorized to confer this Order, of the "Red Cross" or "Babylonish Pass," which is virtually in government blending the American York Rite and Scottish Rite together, and from the York Rite in the Royal Arch Chapter, ascending to the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, without passing through the Secret Vault in the Lodge of Perfection in the Scottish Rite regularly. The Grand Council of New Brunswick is *de facto* a Council of Princes of Jerusalem in which the "Royal" and "Select" Degrees were conferred by authority of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, as in Mississippi which relinquished the "Royal" and "Select" Degrees to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of that State which was formed out of it. But we also find further information regarding this matter in the Proceedings for the year 1871.

On the 2d of February, 1871, the Grand Prior of the Order of the Temple in Canada in his letter to *P.·. M.·. P.·.* ROBERT MARSHALL, now Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New Brunswick, said:

"I have given authority to Eminent Commanders to communicate so much of the *American* Degree of Red Cross or that of "*Knights of the Sword*," "*East*," and "*East and West*" as would enable Canadian Templars to visit United States encampments. But as this degree of *Red Cross* is not recognized by any governing Masonic bodies in Canada, it appears to me in every respect the proper and most legitimite course to pursue, to place it under the control of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters lately established in the Dominion."

Grand Master WM. S. GARDINER of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States in his letter of February 24, 1871, to *M.·. P.·.* Companion MARSHALL, said:

"Yours of the 20th came to hand safely, enclosing a note from your Grand Prior. I have replied to this note in substance that I recognize his authority to place the Order of the Red Cross under the control of the Royal and Select Masters, etc., and that your Red Cross Knights will be duly recognized here as such."

We find here also the following letter from Companion JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°, then Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction:

"PORTLAND, MAINE, March 3, 1871.

"*R.·. E.·.* SIR KNIGHT: — Before receiving yours, containing a copy of the letter of *M.·. E.·.* Sir william S. Gardner, Grand Master of Templars, I had conferred with several of our Sir Knights, and found that they agreed with me in the opinion that the course adopted by you in New Brunswick in placing the Order of Red Cross under the authority of the Grand Council is a happy solution of the difficulty. By making the Council degrees pre-requisite to the Order of Knights Templar, you will, it seems to me, ensure the recognition in the United States of every Knight Templar created in your jurisdiction.

"Congratulating you upon obtaining so promptly the approval and recognition of the Head of the Order in this country,

"I remain, courteously yours,

"JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, K. T.

"ROBERT MARSHALL, K. T., ETC.,
Saint John, N. B.

M.·. P.·. WILLIAM B. WALLACE was elected Grand Master and *R.·. P.·.* ROBERT MARSHALL re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

1897.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York, convened in its eighty-eighth Annual Assembly in the Masonic Hall, City of New York, on Tuesday, August 31, 1897. A. Dep. 2897, at 10 o'clock A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN F. BALDWIN, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE VAN VLICT, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 27 Councils in this Jurisdiction with a membership of 4065 (an increase of 134 over the previous year), of which 22 were represented. There were also present Representatives from 31 other Grand Councils, including *Ill.·.* Comp. THEO. M. BARBER of California.

M.·. P.·. GRO. M. OSGOODBY, Past General Grand Master, and *M.·. P.·.* JOHN W. COBURN, then Present General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the U. S., were received as well as others and welcomed to this Annual Assembly.

We take the following excerpts from the Grand Master's able address:

"ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:—With prayer and praise to the High and Holy One who inhabiteth eternity, we come to the eighty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York.

"While our hearts may glow with gratitude for mercies seen and unseen, we cannot ignore the fact that the year past has been one of sadness and unusual depression, sorely affecting every department of Freemasonry and especially detrimental to the Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction. Nevertheless, we gladly clasp hands and rejoice with you in the Royal Companionship which neither success nor disaster can destroy—trusting, hoping, praying that the tide of prosperity may soon set in, and the labors of faithful workmen be amply rewarded."

He pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of the Illustrious Companions of his own and other Jurisdictions who have been called up higher, including Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. STEPHEN WING of California.

"As a matter of news, I find that in the Province of New Brunswick the Degrees of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master, and the Illustrious Order of Red Cross, are conferred in the Council of R. & S. M.—thus accomplishing in one way what we tried to reach in another.

"Some years ago, like many another Companion of the Cryptic Rite, I was impressed with the thought that the Council degrees should be made prerequisite to admission to a Commandery of Knights Templars; and in my enthusiasm presented a resolution in this Grand Council which was intended to bring about the supposed desirable result. Well, discussion was aroused all over the United States, and petition made to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars to have the Council degrees made a condition precedent to Knighthood. How ignominiously the matter failed is known to most of you. Now, after years have gone by, I am glad that the movement did not obtain. We have won a place in a better way.

"During the past winter invitations were extended to the Grand Council to attend the social entertainments of York, Morton and Palestine Commanderies.

"The invitations were received, and it is a pleasure to be able to say that a very large representation of the Grand Council was present on each occasion, accompanied by *M.·. P.·.* GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, Past Grand Master and *M.·. P.·.* JOHN W. COBURN, Present Grand Master of Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and were courteously escorted through the lines. It is something to have won the way to such knightly recognition."

We would ask, what is it to prevent the Commanderies of the Knights Templar if they *will still retain* the 15th and 16th Degrees of the Scottish Rite, "Knight of the East" and Prince of Jerusalem, whose history, drama, ritual and dress are solely Hebrew and Persian, and pertain to an era over five hundred years before Christ, and called the "RED CROSS." Why not consolidate entirely and take the balance of the Council Degrees of the Scottish Rite, which are Hebrew, in with them and then there will be no further controversy, discussion or trouble about pre-requisition? Certainly that arrangement would be more appropriate than to embrace the appendant order of Knights of Malta, the sworn enemy of the Templars, and who betrayed them to their death and received the Islands of Rhodes and of Malta and other possessions of the Templars as a reward for their treachery and betrayal. The Hebrew does not make a fuss about his Gentile Brother and Companion donning the robes of the High Priest in the Royal Arch Chapter, and certainly the Companions of the Council who are Knights Templar will not kick if such an arrangement can be made.

The Report on Correspondence is as usual by *M*.·. *P*.·. Comp. GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, covering fifty-one and one-half pages of fine print, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-nine Councils, including California, which covers eight pages in which he does us honor and pays us more attention in quoting our opinions than we are entitled to receive.

The unfortunate affairs in Colorado would never have grown to such magnitude or taken the shape they did at last, if the General Grand Master himself had in the start paid an official and fraternal visit to Colorado, which he ought to have done. The subordinate Councils held their Charters and Dispensations under his immediate authority, and when the rupture was evident and his Chief of Staff, the General Grand Recorder, was making matters no better fast, but aggravating the situation, General Grand Master COBURN could have gone there and amicably settled the whole difficulty inside of a week from the time that he started from New York. But he let the trouble grow untill it broke out in open rebellion, defiance and revolution that has been successful, and now that the General Grand Council has taken action, that revolution will never turn backwards. The golden opportunity was lost. The interpolation by Past General Grand Master OSGOODBY, requiring an additional oath of allegiance, prior thereto, we think was not wise, and it aroused the resentment of every Companion who felt that his honor was impeached by such an unconstitutional requirement at that time, and they felt that the ban of suspicion was unjustly attempted to be fastened upon them.

NEW JERSEY.

1898.

The fortieth Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey was held in Masonic Hall, Trenton, on Tuesday, January 25, 1898, A. Dep. 2898.

M.·. *Ill*.·. A. G. YOTHERS, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill*.·. Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are seven Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 377, of which four Councils were represented. Representatives were also present from nineteen Grand Councils, including *Ill*.·. Comp. JOHN M. KNAPP, of California.

The Grand Master's Address covers four and a quarter pages, and is not very encouraging. He visited no Councils, having removed from the State to Pennsylvania, and his business interests not permitting him to do so.

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill*.·. Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL, and which covers ten pages in large type, in which he reviews the Proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils, including California, to which he gives a third of a page.

He says: "Companion E. A. SHERMAN furnishes the Report on Correspondence, but we fail to see any mention of New Jersey."

We would say to our *Ill*.·. Comp. BECHTEL that since the troubles of Spain began in her colonies, and all Masonry wiped out in Cuba and the

Phillipine Islands, that we have not until now received any Proceedings from New Jersey; consequently we have had no opportunity to review the Proceedings of that Secret Vault until the present. We did not know but what we would have to put in a mourning page for our *Ill.·.* Companion CHARLES BECHTEL, and write a eulogy, as we were required to deliver one in honor of the memory of his cousin, Sir Knight FRED K. BECHTEL, here in Oakland several years ago, whom we had known nearly forty years. We are glad to know that *Ill.·.* Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL is still around and lively as a cricket on the pavement of the Secret Vault in his own State, which is evidently *dry* and there is no dampness to invite the presence of cockroaches, and that it is so safe a refuge from the humming lancers of the air, the New Jersey mosquitos, the malarian plague on wings, where they have a *Rahway* of doing things, and wear the Cape of the *Hen eloping*. May the Lord love you, Companion CHARLES, and not call for you too soon.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN B. BERTHOLF was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL re-elected Grand Recorder.

While we are unswerving in our loyalty to the General Grand Council, and of necessity bow to its action, yet we are free to say that we retain our right to criticise the methods and doings of those who exercise the authority with which they have been invested. The Committee appointed by the General Grand Master was biased and prejudiced. He appointed as one of that Committee, a Companion from the same State of Indiana as the Grand Recorder, and *ex parte* the advocate and defender of his acts, so far as appeared on the surface. The Representatives from the State of Ohio were excused from voting without giving any reasons. The neglect of the General Grand Master to visit Colorado and on the ground learn the whole truth, we consider reprehensible, and in the action summarily taken by the General Grand Council without providing some way to restore fraternal relations with the State of Colorado, and have it returned to the fold without undue humiliation, losing the golden opportunity of reclamation, restoration and fraternal good fellowship.

The Grand Council of Colorado is a Grand Council *de facto*, recognized now by no less than twelve Independant Grand Councils and is and will be master of the situation in its own jurisdiction, and the General Grand Council's efforts to plant other Councils in that State will be utterly futile; for the Royal Arch Masons of Colorado cannot be won over to take sides against their Companions, and they will stand together and be as firm as are their own Rocky Mountains, the back bone of the Continent. They might have been won and possibly may yet be won back, which is now doubtful; but to commit suicide by dissolution or attempted to be driven against their judgment and honest convictions of their sense of freedom, justice and right, under the York Rite system of government, upon which they presumed to act, there is no power on earth that can coerce them by an iron rule of might. Interdiction is all that is now left to the General Grand Council to exercise in regard to Colorado. This will, of course, be

obeyed; but the effect of it will be, to retard the growth and prosperity of the Cryptic Rite by dampening the ardor of the Companions who support it, and discourage the efforts to obtain recruits from our Royal Arch Companions. Pre-requisition to receive the Cryptic Degrees before the order of the Temple having failed with the General Grand Encampment, and hostility now having been aroused with Colorado, and it having the sympathy and moral support of so many other Independant Grand Councils, coalition may be looked for in the propagation of the Cryptic Rite in various States and Territories, and new and Independent Grand Councils be created where no other Grand Councils exist. With the lesson learned in this Colorado embroglio, the disposition will be manifest not to seek further light in the Secret Vault, and it will be but seldom that the quiet of its arches will be disturbed by intruders.

Companion OSGOODBY in speaking of our report said:

"The Report on Correspondence is well written and we have been much interested therein. We lay it by with regret that we cannot give more of this interesting matter, and we extend our ☞ in a warm fraternal greeting to our esteemed Companions.

"The Correspondence Report has been published by a few of the Grand Councils in and as a part of the proceedings of their respective Bodies. One by one this custom has been dropped, and even Maine has succumbed to the pressure and publishes its Correspondence report as an appendix. California and New York still remain in the list of those who have held steadfast to the old custom, but to make uniformity and harmony we have concluded in New York that we will hereafter publish our report as an appendix instead of its being injected in the body of the Proceedings, and therefore, it will for the first time make its appearance as an appendix.

"Now, Companion SHERMAN, will you follow suit?

"The Proceedings of this State are full of interest. *M.·. I.·.* HENRY ASCROFT, of San Francisco, was elected Grand Master, and our old friend, that veteran of Grand Recorders, THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, San Francisco, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Annual Assembly will be held at San Francisco, April 18th, 1898."

Now Companion OSGOODBY asks and invites us to have the appendicitis, to which we reply, not at this time of life, for it is a dangerous and fatal affliction. It was what the Prophet Daniel gave to Nebuchadnezzar and made him gramniverous, "and to eat grass as a yoke of oxen and wet him with the dew of heaven." No, thank you, Companion OSGOODBY, we cannot join you either with an internal or external appendix. We were not made that way, and we do not believe in the Darwinian descent of man, and we have no place to artificially screw one on. The proposition almost makes us as indignant as the Italian farmer over in Moraga Valley. A fellow rode up on his bicycle to the Italian farmer's house and wanted to obtain the loan of a monkey-wrench to tighten a nut on his wheel. The Italian farmer got mad right off and indignantly replied, "I no keep monkey ranche, I keep chicken ranche!" We believe that the report of

the Committee of Correspondence should be in the body of the proceedings as the reports of all other committees are. Our Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery system in this respect is uniform, and cannot be broken into. It ought not to be made a tail piece. The proceedings would readily become mutilated by the Appendix dwindling away and being torn off. No, thank you.

M.·. Ill.·. OPPENHEIMER was elected Grand Master and *R.·. Ill.·.* Companion GEORGE VAN VLIET re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA.

1896, 1897.

1896.

The twenty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held in the City of Newbern, on Thursday, May 14, 1896. A. Dep. 2896.

M.·. Ill.·. JAMES SOUTHGATE, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES C. MUNDS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Four Councils were represented. Membership not given.

The Grand Master's address was as brief as his constituents are few in number. He pays tribute to late Comp. GEORGE W. BLOUNT, who was Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest. He granted a dispensation to reorganize Greensboro Council, No. 3, of Greensboro, in that State. He says, "While our advancement is slow, yet we are in better condition than at this time last year, and in conclusion says:

"I am deeply sensible, Companions, of the high honor conferred upon me, and, although I have served you through some of the darkest hours ever experienced by this Grand Council, yet I have the satisfaction of believing that my labors have not been in vain, and that the seed planted during my administration may spring up, grow, and produce fruit."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. JAMES SOUTHGATE was re-elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES C. MUNDS, re-elected Grand Recorder.

1897.

The twenty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held in the City of Wilmington, on Wednesday, May 12, 1897. A. Dep. 2897.

M.·. Ill.·. JAMES SOUTHGATE, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES C. MUNDS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 5 Councils in this Jurisdiction with a memberihip of 56, four of which were represented.

The Grand Master's address, like his previous one, was very brief.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. W. S. LIDDELL, was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES C. MUNDS, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next meeting will be held in Raleigh, on the 11th of May, 1898, or at the call of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master.

OHIO.

1897.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Ohio held its sixty-seventh annual assembly at Masonic Hall, Springfield, Ohio, on September 28th, 1897, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., *M.·. Ill.·.* ARTHUR P. CRANE, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are fifty-one Councils in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 4,312 (a net gain of 89 over 1896), of which fifty Councils were represented. There were representatives from thirty Grand Councils present, including *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master ARTHUR P. CRANE, the representative of California.

The address of the Grand Master is a thorough business affair, rendering an account of his stewardship, and covers seventeen pages, showing that he has been a diligent and faithful worker and overseer.

He pays fraternal tribute to the memory of the late Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Companion Rev. THOMAS JEFFERSON MELISH, whom we had the pleasure of meeting in Boston in 1895, a fine gentleman and Mason of the old school. He received the Degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, and on May 3, 1871, raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Milford Lodge, No. 54, at Milford, Ohio. We mention this fact that our late W. BRO. JOSEPH HULL, receiving his Degrees in that Lodge July 19th, Sept. 13th and November 28th, 1843, respectively, thirty-seven years before, was Worshipful Master in 1838, and dimitted therefrom March 19th, 1845, and was the first Master named in a Charter of a Lodge, and opened and organized the first Lodge of Masons on the Pacific Coast—that of Multnomah Lodge, No. 84, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Missouri (now No. 1 of Oregon), and at Oregon City, Oregon, on September 11th, 1848, the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of which will be celebrated on September 11th, 1898.

The Grand Master also pays tribute to the memory of its late *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. Past Grand Master JOHN SPOOR WHITE, and also *Ill.·.* Comp. JACOB RANDALL, the Grand Sentinel of the Secret Vault.

He praises the Masonic Home of Ohio, at Springfield in that State, completed after constant labor and effort for ten years.

The General Grand Council will hold its next Triennial meeting at Baltimore, on October 11th, 1897. This Grand body is a constituent part of that, and is governed and controlled by its enactments and edicts, within the limit of the powers ceded to it. It is proper, and expected that this body will be represented at all the meetings of that General Grand Body, to take part in its deliberations and to assist in determining what its enactments and edicts shall be."

It will be observed that he makes no suggestions or raises any questions or mentions any subject or matter to be presented or come up before that body for its action, and nothing whatever is said about Colorado. This part of his address was referred to a special committee of three.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

Companions S. STACKER WILLIAMS, ORESTES A. B. SENTER and GEORGE D. MCBRIDE.

Companion S. STACKER WILLIAMS, Chairman of the Special Committee on General Grand Council, submitted the following report, which was on motion received, and its recommendations concurred in :

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio:—

The Committee to which so much of the Grand Master's address as referred to the General Grand Council is concerned, have given the matter careful attention and beg leave to report :

The only thing they observed which has the appearance of an encroachment, is the action of the General Grand Officers of the General Grand Council toward certain Councils in Colorado, the nature of which is well known. While we disclaim any intention of reflection of wrong on the part of the M. P. Grand Master, we do think, for various reasons, that he erred in prematurely, and with so slight notice, suspending the Thrice Illustrious Masters. We believe that the question at issue is not yet settled in this Grand Jurisdiction, as it is probable the Grand Council of Colorado will knock at our door for admission at the coming meeting of the General Grand Council, to be held October 11th. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the representatives from this Grand Council who shall attend the meeting of the General Grand Council, be, and are hereby directed and instructed to labor and vote for their admission on the same terms as we of the old Grand Council were. That their representatives simply take a vow to support the Constitution.

Fraternally,

S. STACKER WILLIAMS,
O. A. B. SENTER,
GEO. D. MCBRIDE.

This matter, though not referred to in the Grand Master's Address, was independently brought up, acted upon unanimously by this committee and then presented to the Grand Council, which adopted it. This action was equitable and just, but in the General Grand Council the representatives from Ohio were excused from voting on the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, they not having the courage to do justice and act in accordance with the action taken by themselves and their own Grand Council of Ohio; for the majority of the Ohio Committee, with its Chairman, STACKER S. WILLIAMS and ORESTES A. B. SENTER, Past General Grand Master, were present as representatives in the General Grand Council. Colorado Companions might well exclaim in regard to these, "save us from our friends!"

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. STACKER S. WILLIAMS and covers twenty-eight pages, in which he briefly reviews the proceedings of twenty-eight Councils, giving to California one page, and makes the following observations :

"The following will be a surprise to the Companions of this Jurisdiction.

"If our Grand Master has removed from this Jurisdiction he has kept the matter very quiet.

"The Grand Recorder says:

"By order of the *M.·. Ill.* Grand Master a commission was issued to Companion EDWIN MORRELL as Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Ohio, *vice* Comp. ARTHUR P. CRANE, removed from the Jurisdiction.

"Business was of a routine character."

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN B. ROMANS was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM E. EVANS re-elected Grand Recorder.

"Now, I beseech you bretheren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them, that by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."—[Paul's Epistle to the Romans.]

OREGON.

1897.

The twelfth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Oregon, was held in the Masonic Hall in McMinnville, Oregon, on Wednesday, April 7th, 1897, at 4 o'clock P. M.

M.·. Ill.·. THOMAS M. HURLBURT, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.· Ill.·.* Comp. SETH L. POPE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are three Councils in our near Sister Jurisdiction, with a membership of 188, the loss in the last year being one. All of the three Councils were represented. There were also present Representatives from eight Grand Councils, including *Ill.·.* Comp. SETH L. POPE, of California.

The Grand Master's address is a model one, covering two pages and a half of very fine print, and which should have been in larger type. His modesty is apparent in thus shrinking it in antimonial metal, when it is composed of gold and silver paragraphs and sentences.

He pays a fraternal tribute to the Illustrious Dead of his own and other Jurisdictions. He granted two dispensations to Washington Council, No. 3, to receive reports, ballots, and confer degrees on Companions Past Grand Master PHILIP S. MALCOLM and HENRY TALBOT, respectively.

Upon the Colorado question he speaks as follows:

"The organization of a Grand Council by Colorado still continues to be the theme among the different Jurisdictions throughout the United States. Some seem to be inclined to side with our Colorado brethren in their 'attempt to set up a Grand Council for the State of Colorado without first obtaining the consent of the General Grand Master.' Let it be remembered that those who side with our Colorado companions are deliberately siding with insubordination in Masonry. Let them remember that insubordination is one of the most grievous offenses in Masonry, and that the principle of obedience is one of the most vital importance in our time-honored institution, which admits of no fractions. If the Colorado Com-

panions were in the right and the General Grand Master acted unjust there is no doubt but the General Grand Council in due time would have rendered its verdict accordingly. While it is true that it is the theory of Free Masonry that all the brethren are on a level of equality, yet subordination of ranks has ever been observed vigorously in accordance with the Old Charges and Regulations; and if the mandate of an officer should be oppressive or unjust the body of which such person is the officer will ever be found ready to render justice to the injured parties; and the next General Grand Council, which convenes this year, will no doubt straighten out this little tangle satisfactory to all, so that peace and harmony will again prevail as in the other Jurisdictions, and may it ever so continue."

But it didn't, and left matters in a worse condition than before. Cause—the weakness of the Constitution, usurpation of power, revolt, and the availing of the usage of the custom in the formation of Grand Lodges in the Organization of the Independent Grand Council of Colorado has made matters no better by the action of the General Grand Council, in adopting the report of a biased and prejudiced Committee. Who ever heard of a lawyer or advocate after speaking for his client, being appointed on a jury to decide in the affirmative of his own case ? as did MARSHALL of Indiana, and upon *exparte* testimony, with testimony either concealed or suppressed, as appears to be in this case.

Comp. HULBURT says:—

"Let it be remembered, that those who side with our Colorado Companions are deliberately siding with insubordination in Masonry."

This would be true, if there was not the doubtful question of sovereignty, custom and usage, upon which the Independent Grand Councils are opposed to the claims of the General Grand Council in the Colorado Case; and therefore give the Grand Council of Colorado recognition and welcome into their own family; and interdiction and non-intercourse with those Grand Councils is the only recourse now left to the General Grand Council to be consistent with its action towards Colorado; but while policy and expediency may cause that not to be done, yet by continued fraternal relationship with them, which probably it dares not sever, as they are powerful bodies and respectable in numbers, and if afraid to act, it thereby strengthens and encourages and actually fortifies the Grand Council of Colorado in its position and independence.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. O. O. HODSON was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. SETH L. POPE, Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

1897.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania held its fifty-first Annual Assembly at Masonic Hall, Franklin, Wednesday, February 23, A. D. 1897, A. Dep. 2897.

M.·. P.·. HARVEY A. MCKILLIP, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. P.·.* JOSHUA L. LYTE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twenty-two Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 1884 (an increase of 68 over 1896). Sixteen Councils were represented. There are also present Representatives from thirteen other Grand Councils.

On the front page is a half tone print of a gentleman, whom we must describe as "The Unknown," at least to us, for his name is not given.

The Grand Master's Address is a scholarly, fraternal and business document. He opens with a quotation from one of the Sages of antiquity, tracing the origin of the structure of man from a bioplasm to its final ending in ashes. We would commend to his reading the "Physiology of the Soul," a splendid work by our distinguished, scientific and learned Companion, Dr. JOSEPH H. WYTHE, of Oakland, Cal., but formerly of the "Keystone State."

He pays fraternal tribute to the memory of the late *M.·. P.·.* Grand Illustrious Master DAVID A. STEVENSON, and *P.·. P.·.* Deputy Grand Master THOMAS MILLSPAUGH of that jurisdiction.

He had, on September 8, 1896, appointed *Ill.·.* Comp. LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF, the Representative of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, near the new Independent Grand Council of Colorado, and it naturally raises the question, "What is the General Grand Council going to do about it?"

He gives his Companions the following good advice:—

"When you give a Companion an office in your Council, let him understand that he is to discharge its duties with fidelity and zeal, and the office is given to him, not for the gratification of his vanity, but for the building up of the Council."

The Report on Correspondence is by that genial, good-natured Companion, who wanted to give us pie which would produce spasms if accepted and eaten, *Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES E. STEVENSON, and it covers thirty-two pages of close fine printed matter, in which he reviews the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils, including California for 1896.

He quotes from our opinion expressed in 1896 concerning the General Grand Council and Colorado, and says as follows:—

"California being a constituent of the General Grand Council, Companion SHERMAN is, of course, 'forninst' the Grand Council of Colorado, and equally, of course, we do not find fault with him for his position in that matter; we do not doubt his entire sincerity of opinion.

"In his comments upon the action of the Grand Council of Illinois, however, he touches upon a point which moves us to take a hand. He says:

"'What if the General Grand Council should now charter Councils in Illinois, encourage them to form a new Grand Council in that State that would owe allegiance to its creator? It would be a lawful act of retaliation if it were so to do, though it would create further confusion among the craft by so doing.'

"We regret to say that we have seen the same thing expressed elsewhere than in the proceedings of the Grand Council of California; not quite so bluntly, perhaps, as Companion SHERMAN has expressed it, but having the same meaning, although more skillfully concealed.

"This is saying, in effect, that the General Grand Council *owns* Cryptic Masonry in this country, and that it possesses the *right* to enter upon and occupy any territory not now in possession of its subordinates.

"We do not think that the General Grand Council makes any such claim; on the contrary, we have the impression that they distinctly disclaim any right to invade the territory of an existing Grand Council. But if Companion SHERMAN is anxious to know what would happen in Pennsylvania under such circumstances as he suggests for Illinois, let him induce the General Grand Council to invade our territory.

"Some years ago the same thing was attempted by an outside organization anxious to make 32d degree Masons for $15.00 and 33ds at equally favorable rates. In a very brief time its unfortunate dupes were very glad to renounce their connection with the concern, except a very few impracticables who are still outside of the breastworks.

"Nothing in Masonry is better established in Pennsylvania than the principle that only one Grand Body can exist at the same time within the same territorial jurisdiction."

We are glad that the Spirit moves him in the Quaker State and that he speaks right out in meeting.

We did not say "in effect that the General Grand Council *owns* Cryptic Masonry in this country, and that it has the *right* to enter upon and occupy any territory not now in possession of its subordinates," but we do say that the right of self-defense, against unfriendly action, would justify the exercise of the law of retaliation, non-intercourse, and interdiction; and only by coalition with the Grand Royal Arch Chapters in those States could the Independent State Grand Councils protect their territory from retaliation by invasion in either the propagating of the Cryptic Rite by its own officers, or encouraging the revolt of subordinate Councils sufficient to organize other Grand Councils to become Constituents of itself. Unfriendly action, by recognition of the Grand Council of Colorado and the interchange of Representatives with it, are acts of hostility and invite retaliation, which would be justice. Pennsylvania has made itself the ally of Colorado in its resistance and independence of the General Grand Council, and having indorsed its paper, becomes equally responsible. A hostile blow cannot be given without the reasonable expectation, that one would be given in return. The General Grand Council has trouble in its own family, by insubordination in Colorado, among its children which it created (they being provoked beyond endurnce by the actions of usurping tyrannical officers), and Pennsylvania and other Grand Councils encourage revolt, independence, recognize sovereignty and establish international comity and diplomatic relationship with it.

The General Grand Council having propagated and established the Cryptic Rite in Colorado, by organization of the Subordinate Councils, which every other Independent Grand Council had an equal right to do at the same time and as many as they pleased, until a Grand Council should be organized, it claimed jurisdiction over the Subordinates of its own creation, and as all of them *and none others created by any other Grand Council* formed

the Grand Council of Colorado, it has never relinquished its claim of jurisdiction over them; and though its power through its officers has been tyrannical, neglectfull and abusive, and its Constitution lame and defective, which has been taken advantage of by its Subordinates, in secession, and organizing their own Independent Grand Council, which has been encouraged and recognized by Pennsylvania and other Grand Councils, only the want of disposition, policy and expediency on the part of the General Grand Council prevents that Grand Body from retaliating, where there may be opportunity, or from causing the withdrawal from fellowship and issuing its edicts of interdiction and non-intercourse with such unfriendly Independent Grand Councils and their Subordinates.

Our sympathy, we are frank to confess, is with the spirit of our Colorado Companions, whom we honestly believe have been harshly treated. We do not believe in blind obedience to any human institution or that which claims to be divine on earth, whether Masonic or otherwise. Mental reservation, directed by reason and governed by the will of every true man endowed with free intelligence, will prevail in any organization created by free men. And as stated by Dr. Carpenter in his "Mental Physiology," who says:

"The highest exercise of the will is shown in those who are endowed with vigorous intellectual powers, and whose strong emotional nature gives force to all their tendencies to action, but who determinately fix their attention on the *divine ideal* and steadily endeavor to shape their character and direct their conduct in accordance with it. This is not to be effected by dwelling exclusively on any one set of motives or endeavoring the energy which is in itself healthful. Even the idea of duty, *operating alone* tends to reduce the individual to the subserviency of a slave, doing his master's bidding, rather that to make him master of himself. It is the *assimilation* rather than by the *subjugation* of the human will to the divine, that man is really lifted towards God; and in proportion as this assimilation has been effected, does it manifest itself in the life and conduct, so that even the lowliest actions became holy ministrations in a temple consecrated by the felt presence of the divinity."

The above expresses our ideas exactly in relation to required obedience to all Masonic authority, where all are equal upon the level and before its altars from the Grand Master in the East to the humblest Entered Apprentice Mason upon the floor.

M.·. P.·. CHARLES CARY was elected Grand Master and *R.·. P.·.* Companion JOSHUA L. LYTE re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

1898.

The forty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Tennessee, was held at Freemason's Hall, in the City of Nashville, on Monday, January 24th, 1898. A. Dep. 2898.

M.·. Ill.·. W. B. KINCANNON, Grand Master presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM A. CLENDENING, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 19 Councils in this Jurisdiction with a membership of 582 (being a loss of 17 during 1897). Thirteen Councils were represented.

The address of the Grand Master is very brief, covering only one page. Business troubles and sickness have prevented him doing what he would, and in closing, he says:

"And now, Companions, in surrendering the trust entrusted to my keeping, feeling the duties have not been fulfilled as they should, but the best I could, I close, praying the richest blessings of heaven on you and Cryptic Masonry in Tennessee."

Now we like that open, true hearted, honest confession and statement, and we extend our fullest fraternal sympathy to our *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion KINCANNON of Tennessee. His concluding remarks should have been printed under his picture on the front page, for with such an honest face, they should go together.

The following resolution by Companion C. F. LANDIS was adopted:

"WHEREAS, The General Grand Council of the United States has honored our worthy Companion, BRADFORD NICHOL, by electing him to the office of Grand Master of that General Grand Body, therefore

"*Resolved*, That we appreciate the honor conferred upon our Illustrious Companion, and we congratulate the General Grand Council on the selection of so worthy and efficient a Companion."

Now, that is right, and to General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL, it must give more sweet satisfaction to be thus endorsed by his Companions at home, than the pride of being at the head of the General Grand Council itself.

The Report on Correspondence is by the General Grand Master, which covers three pages and a fifth, from which we take the following:

"With a full degree of embarassment do we review the proceedings of the Grand Council. Tennessee as one of the constituent members of the General Grand Council, since the appointment of your Committee has been complimented in the selection of your Chairman to the most exalted gift in its bounds, being no less than that of Most Puissant General Grand Master. This makes it quite inappropriate that we criticise, and surely compliments would be ill-timed."

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

"This body is constituted of the Grand Jurisdictions of Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Indian Territory, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont and Washington. These with the Subordinate Councils working under its immediate care, has a membership of 30,118.

"The last session of this august body was holden in Baltimore, on October 12, 1897. Your Chairman represented Tennessee, waiting each day upon its deliberations. The most important item of interest was the

disposition of the Colorado affair. That jurisdiction through some misapprehension of its prerogatives called together its several Councils without the consent of the General Grand Master, JOHN H. COBURN, and proceeded to organize a Grand Council. This action on their part after the fullest deliberation by the General Grand Council, was declared irregular, and the several Councils ordered to discontenance said action. The representatives to the General Grand Chapter from Colorado attending at Baltimore after a long and comprehensive conference with the General Grand Master-elect, believed that a full complete reconciliation and harmonious understanding will be arrived at before this year terminates. Bright is the hope that Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and North Carolina will add their voices to the General Grand Body in the very near future. Why not Mississippi, the adopted home of that glorious Masonic thinker, FREDERICK SPEED? All these Independent Grand Bodies are doing good work, as their proceedings indicate."

The General Grand Master's remarks upon Colorado, are the first rays of light of fair dealing, encouragement and hope from that direction, and if it is happily settled, it is a consummation most devoutly to be wished, but if he will go there himself and leave the Grand Recorder behind, he may be successful. *Assimilation, not Subjugation*, must be the policy to pursue to realize the desired aim to be accomplished. He concludes as follows:

CONCLUSION.

"With limited material and brief time in its preparation, we leave our incomplete task, praying that the great I Am preserve you and yours, returning you in due time to this sacred place."

And when life's labor song is sung—
When stilled are heart and tongue;
May he come from o'er the way
And guide to endless day,
Clad in heaven's bright array,
Each, a ransomed soul.

Fraternally submitted,

BRADFORD NICHOL,

For Committee.

M.·. Ill.·. CHARLES COMSTOCK was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. W. A. CLENDENING, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

1897.

The forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont was held in the hall of *Burlington* Council. No. 5, R. & S. M., in the city of Burlington, on Tuesday, the 8th day of June A. D. 1897, A. Dep. 2897.

M.·. Ill.·. MYRON J. HORTON, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Companion WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 19 Councils in this Jurisdiction with a membership of 1,091 (an increase of 20 over that of 1896). Thirteen Councils were represented. There were also present Representatives from 14 other Grand Councils, California not included.

The address of the Grand Master is fraternal and pleasing and from which we take the following:

"*Companions of the Grand Council of Vermont:*—

"I bid you a cordial and fraternal welcome to this the forty-fourth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council. By the mercies of the Supreme Grand Master we have been permitted to come up here from the East, the West, the North and the South to contemplate the condition of the Rite. Humbly and devoutly we would offer thanks to the Father of all mercies for His beneficent kindness in again permitting us in health and strength to assemble together, as Companions, to deliberate upon such measures as shall best promote the welfare of our Order and the happiness of mankind. May we be guided by the blessed book of the Law now open before us. While we render thanks for the blessings we have received, we would crave a blessing upon those with whom the stream of life has not flowed smoothly, that their distress may be relieved and their sorrow turned to joy. The ravages of death have removed sixteen of our loved Companions to that higher Lodge where the Supreme Grand Master presides, and where the noontide of bliss eternally shines. That they were true and faithful Companions among us, and have left imperishable records of their lives in deeds of virtue which we should strive to emulate, is a pleasure to contemplate while we mourn their loss.

"As my official duties are to close with this Annual Assembly, let me appeal to every officer and member of the Cryptic Rite, who loves Masonry for the good there is in it and the good it has done and may do, to be earnest and faithful in the discharge of every duty; work manfully to make your Councils the home of the Select and inspire those you have elected to office by your presence at each Assembly. Let our Trowels ring with silvery sound and let none be found sleeping at his post."

The report on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Companion MARSH O. PERKINS, covering 36 pages of selected and well written matter in which he reviews the proceedings of 24 General Grand Councils including California, which latter embraces two pages.

He quotes liberally from Past Grand Master GILLETT'S address of more than a page upon which he makes favorable comment as well as upon Grand Recorder CASWELL'S report, and says:

"In this connection it may be said one Council alone suspended 87 members for non-payment of dues."

The report on Correspondence is submitted by Companion Edwin A. Sherman, who reviews 28 Grand Jurisdictions. Vermont for 1895 receives a ten-line notice.

Companion PERKINS: We were admonished to cut our report short as we had lost 135 members, a decrease of 15 per cent., of which 101 were delinqnents for non-payment of dues, and our treasury was "low, *very* low." Vermont coming next to the last alphabetically in the Order of Proceedings had the appendicitis reduced. We thank you, however, for the last maple sugar you sent and give you due credit therefor.

In his review of Kansas, in reply to Companion SEARBROOK'S recommendation of Vermont becoming a constituent of the General Grand Council, he says:

"He thinks we would like it better if we were better acquainted with it. On the contrary, we find the nearer we approach it the less imposing and useful it appears. We have always believed Vermont unwisely joined the procession. She is in it, however, a 'trooly loyal' constituent. But we would wager our last piece of pie-crust, that if she was now out of it, nothing would, or could tempt her to resign her independence. Meanwhile our Companion must understand that this is our personal opinion without a trace of the 'mud' that goes far to make the crust in which children delight."

Under the head of New York, in reply to Companion OSGOODBY, he says further:

"Companion George M. Osgoodby again submits the report on Correspondence, one of the ablest and most interesting reviews of the year. He covers thoroughly thirty-six Grand Jurisdictions, Vermont for 1895 and 1896 receiving a courteous notice. He expresses surprise that we should ask, as to whether any Grand council had been benefited by becoming a constitnent to the General Grand, and cites a number of illustrations in defense of his position, as a zealous champion of the General Grand. Somehow he fails to answer our question, and we would courteously ask him how New York or Vermont has ever been benefited by the federation. We readily concede that the General Grand is a pronounced success, as a social organization and means for triennial reunions, but beyond that we fail to perceive the advantages possessed by the Grand Councils of its obedience, as compared with the independent Grand Councils of the country.

"Companion OSGOODBY thinks it strange that such a query should be raised in Vermont, and 'by one who has knowledge of the workings of the General Grand Council.' It is because of the knowledge gained by study, inquiry and observation, that the query was raised, and we freely admit that he has given us the faiest answer that has ever yet been received. It would be passing strange, however, if some essence of usefulness did not arise and follow from the federation. But when all is said, we still question as to the usefulness of the organization, to-day, and the necessity, if any ever existed, for its continuance."

So it seems that the maple sugar of Vermont would be much sweeter, if the General Grand Council had no say in the manner of boiling the sap and the granulation into sugar. The Green Mountain Boys of Vermont never did like the Knickerbockers of New York, from the earliest history to the time when Vermont fought Great Britain for independence on its own account. It did not join the Confederation of the Thirteen Colonies,

and when the Constitution of the United States was adopted it had no hand in the making of it. It was the first State to adopt a constitution of its own, December 24th, 1777, and did not make application for admission into the Union as a State until February 9th, 1791, eight years after the recognition by Great Britain of the Independence of the United States, and two years and five months after the adoption of the Constitution by the Continental Congress, in whose name and by that of the Grand Omnific Word, ETHAN ALLEN demanded the surrender of the British Commander and garrison at Fort Ticonderoga. Our Companions will know how to account for the sentiments and feelings of Vermont as expressed by Companion PERKINS. Our mother was born there, and we believe we have a little of ETHAN ALLEN blood in our veins.

M.·. Ill.·. DON. A. STONE was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Companion EDWIN B. TRUE (which is an admonition as well as a name) elected Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON.

1897.

The Second Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Washington was held in the city of Seattle, Monday, June 7th, A. D. 1897, A. Dep., 2897.

M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM V. RINEHART, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Companion EDWARD R. HARE, grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are seven Councils in this Jurisdiction, of which six made returns of a membership of 221 (being an increase of 18 over that of 1896). Seven Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is a model for brevity and is a business pattern that would be well for some other Grand Masters to follow. It occupies just one page and we therefore present it in full.

"*Companions of the Grand Council of Washington:*—

"The past year has been to Cryptic Masonry in this grand jurisdiction a season of repose, if not inaction. The peaceful vigils of Abishar have not been oft disturbed. My official duties as Grand Master have been light. I have granted a dispensation to Tacoma Council, No. 1, to hold their annual election of officers at a date not provided for in their by-laws. I have also approved their amended by-laws, subject to the concurrence of this Grand Council.

"I do not feel called upon to burden our records or tax your patience at this time with any elaborate disquisition upon Cryptic Masonry. This session is for business rather than for oratory.

"Our Masonic journals have invaded and are cultivating the broad field of Masonic literature in all its branches to such an extent as to render unnecessary any special appeal to the Craft on occasions like this. It is not necessary for me to say to you that if York Rite Masonry is really the

beautiful system we think it is, the Cryptic degrees are indispensible to the symmetry of that system. It is not the mission of Masonry to proselyte the world. Many who seek our mysteries are not fitted to appreciate, to enjoy or to have our degrees. The very name of our principal degree implies that we here select our material. Let us not try to popularize our Rite by alone multiplying our numbers. Rather let us make this branch of Masonry desirable by the character of the men we here enroll under our banner. Far better is it that we have fewer members, and good ones, fewer Councils and good ones, than to make undue haste to become powerful, and thereby overleaping the bounds of prudence, have to regret the weakness, the folly of assuming burdens we can not bear.

"The condition of our Order will appear from the réports of our Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer.

"I have no special recommendations to make except that you conform whatever legislation may seem necessary, to the conditions as they now appear, rather than to such as you would wish to attain.

"In conclusion let me admonish you to illustrate the moral principles of our order in the work you have before you, ever holding in due veneration the ancient landmarks, and with grateful hearts looking for guidance to the Almighty hand that led Zabud and Adoniram.

"The work of our Grand Council is now before you, companions; what is your pleasure?"

WILLIAM V. RINEHART, Grand Master.

His picture forms the frontispiece of the proceedings.

Two Councils, Mt. Baker, No. 3, and Pomeroy, No. 5, proposed to surrender their charters. The first was left to the discretion of the Grand Master, and the last was declared forfeited.

There was no report on correspondence.

A vote of thanks was extended to Seattle Council, No. 6, for the very cordial and fraternal treatment received while in their midst.

Companion WALTER S. DARBY was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, but he declined the honor, when upon motion of Companion WILLIAM H. UPTON it was ordered by a unanimous standing vote that Comp. WALTER S. DARBY be placed upon the roll as Honorary Past Grand Master.

M.·. Ill.·. S. H. RUSH was then elected Grand Master and *R.·. Ill.* EDWARD R. HARE re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

This Report has necessarily been extended beyond the usual limit, as we stated in the beginning, on account of additional proceedings from five Grand Councils more than last year. In 1893 our Report covered sixty-seven pages, and this year but a very few in addition by reason of new questions which have arisen, and the unsatisfactory condition of affairs between the General Grand Council and its Subordinates in Colorado, which by the moral support given to them by the eleven other Independent Grand Councils in their joint action of organizing an Independent Grand Council

in that State, has created wide-spread discussion and controversy throughout Cryptic Masonry everywhere in the United States, and in which every Companion to a greater or less extent must certainly feel an interest, if he has any regard for the welfare of the Cryptic Rite.

We earnestly hope that the troubles in that portion of the Secret Vault may be honorably, fraternally and harmoniously settled, ere another year rolls around, and the General Grand Master, not with his scepter, but with the wand of peace, will visit our Companions of Colorado, and not try to chase them as Rocky Mountain Sheep, for they do not drive well and are hard headed and impossible to tame where force is attempted to be used.

The foregoing review having been carefully made and the matters presented being fully digested, the Companions who will have read this Report through, will at last come to this same conclusion.

All which is fraternally submitted.

EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,
Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Comp. ROBERT Ash, from the Committee on New Councils, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of the State of California:—

Your Committee on New Councils beg leave to report that they have examined the reports and returns of *Santa Ana* Council (under dispensation), and find the application in due and regular form, the records all well kept and in perfect order, and recommend that a charter be issued therefor, to be known as *Santa Ana* Council, No. 14.

ROBT. ASH,
WM. BYRON SCARBOROUGH, } *Committee.*
DANIEL P. BYSTLE,

Which report was concurred in and the charter ordered as recommended.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the special committee on the Address of the Grand Master, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, having given that paper the consideration that the brief time at their disposal would permit, will simply congratulate Grand Council upon the healthy condition of Cryptic Masonry in California as reported by the Most Illustrious Grand Master. The report attests the faithful discharge of all his duties by our Executive Head and your Committee submit that by his faithful discharge of the duty of visiting his constituent councils

and exercising the necessary supervision over the interests of the respective councils, he has earned and should receive the commendation of well done good and faithful Companion.

We recommend that a page in the journal of proceedings of the session be devoted to the memory of our illustrious companion, James Oglesby, so long the trusted Sentinel of our secret vault.

We also recommend that all the acts of the Grand Master be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. A. DAVIES,
E. R. HEDGES,
W. FRANK PIERCE,
Committee.

Which report was concurred in and the recommendations adopted.

Comp. Charles Lord Field, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, reported verbally that no grievances or appeals had been submitted for the consideration of the Committee, and that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction.

On motion of Comp. Charles Lord Field, the sum of fifty dollars was voted in aid of the "Masonic Widows and Orphans Home."

The Grand Master announced the election of Grand Officers as the next business in order, and having appointed Companions Charles Lord Field and William Monroe Petrie to act as tellers, the election proceeded with the following result:—

The *M.·. Ill.·.* ROBERT ASH was elected Grand Master;

The *R.·. Ill.·.* AUGUST WACKERBARTH was elected Deputy Grand Master;

The *R.·. Ill.·.* JACOB HART NEFF was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Works;

The *R.·. Ill.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was elected Grand Treasurer;

The *R.·. Ill.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Recorder;

COMP. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, from the Committee on Finances and Returns, presented the following report:

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Finances and Returns beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and find them correct.

We find the accounts carefully kept, and the sum of $679.98 in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, an increase of $59.78 over last year's report.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

Grand Recorder's salary	$125 00
Grand Sentinel's salary	7 50
Grand Organist's salary	7 50
Chairman Committee on Correspondence	65 00
Contingent Expenses Grand Recorder's Office	40 00
Printing Proceedings	200 00
Expenses of Grand Master to visit Subordinate Councils	150 00
	$595 00

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES B. MERRITT,
THOS. KYLE,
JACOB H. NEFF,
} Committee.

Which report was concurred in, and the appropriations were ordered as recommended.

The Representatives of sister Grand Councils present tendered the fraternal greetings or the Grand Councils represented by them, and gave encouraging accounts of the progress of the Cryptic Rite in the several jurisdictions.

COMP. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, from the Special Committee on Installation Ceremonies for Grand Council appointed at the Annual Assembly of 1896, presented the following report:

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committtee on Installation Ceremonies for Grand Council respectfully submit the following, and recommend its adoption:

At the time appointed for installation the retiring Grand Master or some Past Grand Master selected by him shall take the chair.

He shall first appoint a Grand Marshal, who shall be a Past Grand Master if practicable.

The Grand Marshal shall place the officers elect and appointed in a semicircle west of the Altar *and facing the East.*

M. I. G. M.—Right Illustrious Grand Marshal: You will present the Grand Master elect at the Altar.

R. I. G. M.—Most Illustrious Grand Master: I present to you Comp. ——, who has been duly elected Grand Master of this Grand Council.

He is well skilled in our Ancient Craft, possesses the confidence of his Companions and now declares himself ready for installation.

M. I. G. M.—Companions of the Grand Council: Comp. —— having been duly elected to preside as your Grand Master, now declares himself

ready for installation. If any of you can show any just cause why I should not proceed to install him let him now speak or forever after hold his peace.

No objection appearing you will repeat after me:

I do solemnly promise and swear that I will faithfully perform the duties appertaining to the office of Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California to the best of my ability, and will support and maintain the Constitution of said Grand Council and inviolably preserve the ancient landmarks of the Order. So help me God.

M. I. Comp.—I present you with this jewel in testimony of your election to the highest office in this Grand Council. Your faithful service heretofore gives us good reason to believe that the interests of the craft may safely be confided to your hands.

It will be your duty to illustrate in your life the moral principles of the order, to see that none of the ancient landmarks are removed, to govern your Companions with firmness, mildness and impartiality, but to require from each a strict obedience to the rules and regulations of our Institution.

And may the Supreme Architect strengthen and support you in the performance of every duty. R. I. G. Marshal, you will conduct our Most Illustrious Grand Master to his station in the East. The R. I. G. Marshal now escorts the M. I. G. Master to the East, and the installing officer calls up the Grand Council and says:—

M. I. G. M.—Companions, you see before you those who have been elected and appointed to fill the several offices in this Grand Council.

Are you satisfied with the choice?

(No objection appearing, the installing officer addresses the officers.)

M. I. G. M.—Companions, you will repeat after me:—

I do solemnly promise that I will faithfully and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected or appointed, and will strictly conform to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and the general regulations of the Order.

R. I. Grand Marshal, you will present the Deputy Grand Master elect.

(When directed the G. Marshal will present each officer between the Altar and the East.)

R. I. G. M.—Most Illustrious Grand Master, I present to you, Comp. ——, who has been elected to serve this Grand Council as its Deputy Grand Master, and who now presents himself for installation.

M. I. G. M.—Right Illustrious Companion, with pleasure I present you with the jewel of the important office to which you have been elected.

In the absence of the Most Illustrious Grand Master you are to preside. At all other times you are to support him by your presence, your counsel and your advice, ever remembering the example of the illustrious King of Tyre, who, by his power and wealth, gave strength to the labors of King Solomon. The same devotion to the moral precepts of our Order is required

from you as from your chief, that, should you be called upon at any time to assume his duties, you will be fully prepared to do so.

R. I. Grand Marshal, you will conduct the R. I. Companion to his station.

R. I. Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Principal Conductor of the Works-elect.

R. I. G. M.—Most Illustrious Master, I present to you Comp. —— ——, who has been duly elected to the office of Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

M. I. G. M.—Right Illustrious Companion, I present you with the jewel of the third officer of this Grand Council. In the absence of your superiors you will succeed to their duties. By unremitting study you will so familiarize yourself with the principles and laws of the Order as to be fully qualified to meet any emergency that may arise.

Ever remember the example of the Illustrious Architect whom you represent, and be faithful unto death.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will conduct the R. I. Companion to his station.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Treasurer-elect.

R. I. G. M.—Most Illustrious Grand Master, I have the pleasure of presenting for installation Comp. —— ———, who has been elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Council for the ensuing Masonic year.

M. I. G. M.—Right Illustrious Companion: In presenting to you the jewel of your office, let me remind you that it is your duty to weigh out the shekels of the sanctuary, and to provide for the helpless and the destitute. Accurately keep an account of receipts and disbursements, and faithfully preserve the property and funds of this Grand Council, rendering a just account thereof when required.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will conduct the R. I. Companion to his station.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Recorder-elect.

R. I. G. M.—Most Illustrious Grand Master, I am much pleased to present for installation Comp. ——, who has been elected to the important office of Grand Recorder of this Grand Council.

M. I. G. M.—Right Illustrious Companion, I now invest you with the jewel of an office, which though not the highest in rank, is second to none in importance. It is for you to receive all moneys due this Grand Council, and pay the same to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. To observe the proceedings of the Grand Council, and make a true record of all things proper to be written.

To perform these duties well, requires the exercise of judgment, correctness and fidelity. Your known possession of these qualities has no doubt

caused your selection for this office, and we trust that in the discharge of your duties, you will reflect credit on yourself and honor on this Grand Council.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will conduct the R. I. Companion to his station.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will present the Comp. who has been appointed Grand Chaplain.

R. I. G. M.—Most Illustrious Grand Master, with pleasure I present for installation Comp. ——, who has been appointed Grand Chaplain of this Grand Council.

M. I. G. M.—Right Illustrious Companion, the sacred position of Grand Chaplain has been entrusted to you, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office. You are required to lead us in our devotional exercises, and at all time to inculcate the doctrines of morality and virtue, that we may be the better prepared to enter the presence of the Supreme Grand Master.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will conduct our R. I. Comp. to his station.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will present the newly appointed Captain of the Guard.

R. I. G. M.—Most Illustrious Grand Master, I here present Comp.——, who has been appointed to serve this Grand Council as its Grand Captain of the Guard.

M. I. G. M.—Right Illustrious Companion, I present you with the jewel of the Grand Captain of the Guard. Be ever attentive to the commands of your chief, and near at hand to see them executed. I present to you this sword that you may guard well your post, and suffer none to pass but the select and the faithful.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will conduct the R. I. Comp. to his station.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will present the Comp. who has been appointed Grand Conductor of the Council.

R. I. G. M.—Most Illustrious Grand Master: I now present for Installation Comp. ——, who has been appointed Grand Conductor of the Council.

M. I. G. M.—Right Illustrious Companion: Let the jewel with which I now invest you remind you to be fervent and zealous in the discharge of your duties, that you may secure the respect and esteem of your companions and the approbation of your own conscience.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal you will conduct the R. I. Comp. to to his station.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will present the Companion who has been appointed to the office of Grand Lecturer.

R. I. G. M.—Most Illustrious Grand Master: With pleasure I present for installation Comp. ——, to whom have been assigned the important duties of Grand Lecturer of this Grand Council.

M. I. G. M.—Right Illustrious Companion: You are the custodian of the work and it will be your duty to see the Ritual of the Order is strictly followed by all the Subordinate Councils. To do this well requires not only an accurate knowledge of that Ritual but a thorough acquaintance with the great principles which it is our mission to teach, so that whenever required you may be able to dispense Light and Truth to the uninformed.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal you will conduct the R. I. Grand Lecturer to his station.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will present the Comp. who has been appoinied to serve this Grand Council as its Grand Organist.

R. I. G. M.—Most Illustrious Grand Master: I now present Comp. ——, who has been appointed as Grand Organist of this Grand Council.

M. I. G. M.—Illustrious Companion: Having been appointed Grand Organist of this Grand Council, I now invest you with the jewel of your office. We hope that by the exercise of your well known skill in the musical art you may be able to dispel every discord that may arise in this Grand Council, even as the sweet melodies of David's harp banished the spirit of evil from the heart of Saul, so that naught may remain but that peace and harmony which our precepts inculcate.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will conduct the Illustrious Companion to his station.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will present the Companions who have respectively been appointed Grand Steward and Grand Sentinel.

R. I. G. M.—Most Illustrious Grand Master: I here present for installation Comp. —— ———, who has been appointed Grand Steward, and Comp. —— ———, who has been appointed Grand Sentinel of this Grand Council.

M. I. G. M.—Illustrious Companions: Having been appointed to watch the portals of the Grand Council, I now invest you with the jewels and implements of your office.

Guard well your posts with sleepless vigilance, and see that no intruder enters the Secret Vault. May your duties remind us all to set a guard at the entrance of our thoughts, and place a watch at the door of our lips, that we may thereby exclude every unworthy thought or word, thus enabling us to preserve a conscience void of offense toward God and man.

Be ye faithful unto death.

You will now assume your several stations.

The installing officer now calls up the Grand Council.

Address to the Companions, to be used at the Installation in Subordinate Councils:

M. I. G. M.—Companions: The officers whom you have chosen to serve you during the coming year have now been installed. They are

zealous and faithful, and will doubtless perform their duties well and worthily. But without your hearty co-operation their labors will be in vain. Cheer and support them by your presence at the meetings of the Council; provide them with suitable material wherewith to work, and assist them to perform that work with that impressiveness and dignity which its importance demands.

Right Illustrious Grand Marshal, you will make the proclamation.

R. I. G. M.—By the authority of the Grand Council of California, I proclaim that the Grand Officers thereof have been installed in Ample Form with the Grand Honors of Masonry, by Three Times Three.

The Grand Honors are now given and the newly installed Grand Master takes charge of the Grand Council.

Which report was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year:

The *R.·. Ill.·.* THOMAS KYLE..... .....as..*Grand Chaplain;*
" " " WM. BYRON SCARBOROUGH..as..*Grand Capt. of the Guards;*
" " " JOHN GOULD BISBEE.....as..*Grand Conductor of Council;*
" " " WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS..as..*Grand Lecturer:*
" " " A. HUMPHREY MERRITT...as..*Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* " SAMUEL DAVID MAYER....as..*Grand Organist;*
" " " SAMUEL WARBURTON.....as..*Grand Sentinel;*

The Grand Officers were then severally installed in their respective stations by Past Grand Master JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, assisted by Past Grand Master WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES as Master of the Ceremonies.

On motion of Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of Works were constituted a Special Committee to procure suitable collars and jewels for the Grand Officers of this Grand Council.

The Grand Master announced the following committee:—

On Correspondence: Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,
" WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,
" EDWARD RICHARD HEDGES.

The business of the Grand Council being all completed, the minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Council of California was closed in *Ample Form.*

ROBERT ASH,
Grand Master.

Attest:
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

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BY ORDER OF THE M.·. ILL.·. GRAND COUNCIL
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

Comp. James Oglesby,

Who was born at Clones, County of Monaghan, in the north of Ireland, on the twenty-eighth day of February, 1811,

And who died in San Francisco, State of California, on the twentieth day of December, 1897.

HE HAD SERVED AS

Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., since October, 1864,

Grand Guard of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., since April, 1886,

Grand Captain of the Guards of the Grand Commandery, K. T., since August, 1858—date of its organization,

And at the time of his death was serving his eleventh term as

Grand Sentinel of this Grand Council.

"When hearts whose truth is proven,
Like thine, are laid in earth,
There should a wreath be woven,
To tell the world their worth."

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

A. D. 1898, A. Dep. 2898.

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL, No. 1.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Charles Richard Goss, *Ill. Master*, Edwin Glover, *Recorder*,
Jas. E. Thompson, *Dep. Ill. Mast.*, George Louis Derman, *Capt. of G.*,
Franklin Weaver Book, *P. C. W.*, William Hewson Davis, *Conductor*,
William Monroe Petrie, *Treasurer*, Isaac Baldwin Cooledge, *Steward*,
Cephas Charles Olney, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Monroe Petrie, *P. G. M.*,
John William Rock, *P. G. M.*,
Edwin Glover,
John Hurley,
William Hewson Davis,
Harry Ingham,
Richard Vaughan,
Richard Palmer Burr,
Clive William Porter,
Alexander John Gardiner,
David Farr.
Louis Cyrus Schindler.
William Alexander January.

SELECT MASTERS:

Alexander, Robert
Alltucker, Henry
Andrews, John Nichols
Baker, Alfred Septimus
Baldwin, William Hedges
Barton, Charles Thomas
Bittancourt, Thomas Maria
Block, Maurice
Boyd, John Walter
Breuner, John
Breuner, Louis Frederick
Burchard, James Philo
Burnham, James Henry
Bush, George Thomson
Carlson, Charles Alfred
Carroll, Edgar Barclay
Carroll, Harry Winans
Champlin, Nelson
Chapman, Bernard Henry
Chapman, George Warren
Chrisman, Elmer Judson
Church, William Smithers
Clark, George Harvey
Clark, Jerome Franklin

Clemons, William Strong
Cohn, Edward Francis
Conaway, George Winfield
Coppersmith, Michael Thos.
Cothrin, William Kip
Cox, Thomas Jones
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cunningham, John Austin
Dale, Richard
Davis, James Gilliland
Decker, Horace Washington
Dennery, Alphonse
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Dierssen, George Ernest-August
Dixon, William Henry
Douglas, William Wallace
Dresbach, William
Dresher, Valentine
Dunn, George
Eppinger, Herman
Ettlinger, Bernard
Fay, Newton Murray
Flemming, Frank
Flye, Charles Eben
Forbes, Robert
Foster, James Stewart
Fox, Thomas
Foye, William Robinson Smith
Frahm, Claus
Frates, Frank
Frazer, Thomas
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Frommelt, Hugo
Gable, Harvey Clinton
Gagnon, Alfred
Gallatin, Albert
Gardner, Charles Francis
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew, Jr.
Gillis, Dougald
Graham, Louis Edgar
Gray, Alexander Isaac
Gray, Arthur Irvine
Gruhler, John
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Mosheim Schmucker
Haynes, Edward
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, Wilbur Mark
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Heisen, Charles, Jr.
Heintzelman, Taylor Washington
Heitman, John Henry
Herzog, Philip
Hevener, William Henry
Hollister, Charles Edwin
Hollister, Dwight
Hoover, Benjamin Vanzandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Howell, Sidney Algernon
Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Hubbs, Anthony
Hyman, Daniel
Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Jackson, William Franklin
Jensen, Robert
Johnson, Frank Taylor
Johnson, Hiram Warren
Johnson, Philip
Johnston, Alfred J.
Johnston, William
Just, John Peter
Ketcham, Marvin Alonzo
Kleinsorge, Henry Emil
Kleinsorge, Wm. Edward
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Knox, William Frederick
Lawson, Walter Brokaw
Leonard, Carl *A*
LeMay, Victor
Levison, Jacob

Lewis, Samuel Amanzo
Lightner, Bonus
Little, Christopher
Luhrs, Charles August
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McArthur, John
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McGlashan, Charles Fayette
McKee, Edwin Hervey
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
McMarten, John Alexander
Meister, August
Menke, Anton
Mills, James Edgar
Molter, Jacob Philip
Morrison, James Mathew
Nathan, Samuel
Nevis, Manuel Silva
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Noack, Charles John
Ochsner, John
O'Neil, James
Pacheco, Romualdo
Peterson, William Frederick
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Platt, Philemon Eli
Prouty, William Harrison
Rego, Edward Sutherland
Reid, Thomas Benton
Rohrer, Frederick William
Scott, Thomas James
Schroth, John George
Scheunert, Carl Emil
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Shonefelt, William Domer
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Thomas
Stall, Benjamin Franklin
Stanley, Leander
Stephens, John Dickson
Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Steffens, Joseph
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Sweany, John
Taverner, George
Tufts, Albert Currier
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
Variel, Robert Henry Fauntleroy
Vermilya, Abram John
Webster, Joseph Richard
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Whitelaw, John
White, George Amos
Wiard, William Frederick
Wilder, Joel Osgood
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Woodburn, James
Wright, Charles Edward
Yardley, Herber Edward
Young, John Nelles
Young, Lamartine Wilson—201.

RESTORED:

January, William Alexander—1

SUSPENDED FOR NONPAYMENT OF DUES:

Abbott, Augustus
Burnett, Augustus
Davy, Joseph
Eilers, Theodore George
Gregory, Eugene Julius
Gregory, Frank
Huggins, Henri Tyler
Lufkins, Harry Tileston
Ottman, Gilbert Almon—9

EXPELLED:

Kellogg, Cornelius—1

DIED:

Lyon, Edward
Miller, William Buchanan
Nelson, Clarence Newton
Phillips, Louis
Runyon, Solomon—5

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	205	Susp'ded for nonpay't of dues	9
Greeted	10	Expelled	1
Restored	1—216.	Died	5
		Now borne upon the roll	201—216.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Ascroft, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Thom Voel Harris, *D. Ill. M.*,
George Penlington, *Prin. Con. of W.*,
Charles Lord Field, *Treasurer*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Recorder*,
Henry Tilton Emery, *C. of G'd*,
Simon Myerson, *Conductor*,
Willard Chbate Welch Jr., *Steward*,
Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
Samuel Warburton, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Thomas Kyle, *P. G. M.*,
William Thomas Reynolds, *P.G.M.*,
Franklin Henry Day, *P. G. M.*,
Charles Lord Field, *P. G. M.*,
George Penlington,
Edward Potter Cressey,
Henry Ascroft,
Robert Ash.

SELECT MASTERS:

Allen, Richard Spicer
Anthony, Edward Taylor
Armstrong, George Robert
Baker, Charles Henry
Baldwin, Alfred Walton
Barclay, Robert Henry
Bassett, Charles Follen
Baum, David Andrew
Baum, Simon
Benedict, Courtland Smith
Birch, William Henry
Black, Howard
Bliss, Charles
Blossom, Henry Eckford
Bone, Charles
Bonney, Charles Sumner
Bragg, Robert
Broder, Robert Chidley
Bromley, George Tisdale
Browell, Jeremiah
Brown, Henry Adams
Brown, William Graham
Bruce, James Henderson
Bruce, William Young
Bruns, Henry Frederick
Bunker, Robert Elmer
Burns, Henry Bernhard
Callinan, William
Campbell, Vernon
Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Chapman, Edward Kirk
Chesley, Charles Palmer
Christian, Ceasar
Christie, James Alexander
Clark, George Dickson
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans

Code, Philip *D*
Conlisk, Charles William
Cressy, Albert
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Culver, James Henry
Curry, John
Curtis, John Morrison
Daggett, John Randolph
Davis, Henry Harvey
Davis, Winfield Scott
Day, Thomas Henry
Dean, Peter
Decker, Charles William
Dietterle, George
Dobler, Charles
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dominguez, Richard Arthur
Doud, Aaron
Dougherty, Charles Medley
Dragomanovich, Spiro *S G*
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty
Dunn, James
Dunne, James Patrick
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Eddy, Richard *A*
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edmondson, John George
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Elias, Edward
Elliot, Charles Emery
Ellis, Benjamin
Ewing, James Stanley
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Foster, Arthur William
Frenzel, Godman August
Frolich, Theodore
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Getz, Marcus
Giles, Frederick *N*
Godley, Montgomery
Goodban, Francis Edward
Grauerholz, Henry John
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Griffin, John Wesley
Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn
Haas, David Leopold
Hale, Reuben Brooks
Hallett, Alonzo
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hare, Elias *C*
Hatch, Augustus Timothy
Hatch, James Henry
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Hellwig, Christian
Highton, Henry Edward
Hobbs, John Kemble Carlton
Hoffman, Harry Nathaniel
Holden, Samuel Emery
Hopkins, Timothy
Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Huested, Orson Justus
Huff, William Henry Routin
Iredale, Charles Winslow
Jeffers, Milo Sydney
Jellison, Benjamin Franklin
Jewett, George Albert
Johnson, Albert de Montfredy
Johnson, George
Jones, Edward Campbell
Jones, William Arthur
Jost, Charles
Jost, Charles, Jr.
Jost, Joseph
Jost, William Reinhard
Kent, Thaddeus Benning
Kern, Morris James
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Kimball, Roy Thurston
Kincaid, John Evans
King, Joseph Libbey

Kinne, Charles Mason
Knapp, Henry Hay
Koenig, Frank
Kohler, Henry
Kramer, Louis George
Krieg, Anton
Ladd, Frank Bacon
Landgrebe, Robert George
Lee, John Jr.
Lent, Samuel Lancaster
Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Logan, Milburne Hill
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lucas, John William
Lucas, Walter Edward
Lyman, William Whittingham
Lynch, Henry Hudson
Lyon, William Henry
Mannor, Charles Vogt
McCarty, James
McMillan, Robert
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Mentz, John Henry
Meston, Robert
Mills, Edward Tyrrel Bisset
Montealegre, Carlos Francisco
Moore, Andrew
Morffew, Thomas
Morgan, Charles Augustus
Murdock, George Leonard
Murphy, Charles Henry
Nagle, Richard Hamilton
Nash, Charles
Neuhaus, Christian Henry Fred.
Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Newman, George Howard
Noonen, John
Norcross, Daniel
Noteware, Edward Washington
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Osborn, Lamartine
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Patton, Charles Lewis
Payne, Warren Ritch
Peck, Philip
Perkins, Samuel Henry
Perley, Albion Starbird
Phillips, William Rippard
Plummer, Cyrus Moody
Price, Thomas
Price, William Edmund
Prince, Henry Gilman
Reis, John O'Neal
Riley, John Francis
Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Ryan, Michael
Sabin, John Ira
Schetzel, Adolph Georg
Schlarbaum, John Cristian B.
Schmidt, Valentine
Schreiber, Martin August William
Scott, Henry Wilson
Seibel, Philipp
Seymour, Simon Harry
Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.
Smith, William Jacob
Soulé, Arthur Calvin
Soule, William Lloyd Garrison
Spaulding, James Garfield
Speier, Bernard
Stallman, Charles Christian
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stephenson, Edward
Stockfleth, John
Stoddart, Augustus Wynne
Sumner, Frank William
Swain, Edward Robinson
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thompson, George
Thompson, George Howard
Thornton, Samuel Kennedy
Turner, James Frederick
Vanderhurst, William
Veen, Frank Joseph

Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alexander Barack
Walker, Robert Andrew
Ward, William
Warwick, James Blain
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
Whitcomb, Frank Randolph
White, Jonathan Lloyd
Wiley, George Adrian
Wilson, Charles Harold
Williamson, Henry
Willman, Alexander
Woodbury, Warren Dean
Young, Shirley Trever
Younger, William John—247.

RESTORED:

Bruns, Henry Frederick—1

WITHDRAWN:

Edelman, Charles
Gamble, Samuel
Slack, Charles William
Townsend, Eugene DeKay
Triest, Bernard—5

EXPELLED BY LODGE:

Coleman, William Warren—1

DIED:

Crocker, Charles Frederic
Oglesby, James—2

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report...	245	Withdrawn	5
Greeted	9	Expelled	1
Restored	1—255.	Died	2
		Now borne upon the roll...	247—255.

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William A. Lowrey, *Th. Ill. Master*, James Fred Eastman, *Recorder*,
Albert Julius Menz, *D. Ill. M.*, James Franklin Luttrell, *Capt. of G.*,
Amasa Willey White, *P. C. of Work*, John George McLellan, *Conductor*,
Frank *B* Miller, *Treasurer*, Peter Engel, *Steward*.
Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Holcombe Rhees,
Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Andrew Jackson Binney,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Lemuel Trescott Crane,
Charles Hapgood.
Frank *B* Miller.

SELECT MASTERS:

Asher, Alexander Branch
Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Baxter, John
Belcher, Richard
Belknap, F. G.
Berry, James McConnell
Blackburn, George *W*
Brown, Josiah Perkins

Burchard, John Luther
Burner, Henry
Carpenter, George Washington
Clements, William Andrew
Cohn, Isaac Giballe
Crew, Alexander Hill
Deaner, Samuel Christian
Duncan, John Lewis
Ellis, William Turner
Elwell, William
Ewell, Samuel
Fagan, Edward
Fimbreath, Arthur Francis
Fisher, Charles Lester
Goad, William Frank
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hauss, Ferdinand
Haynes, James
Hochstadter, Simon
Hunter, William
Hutchins, Gavin Walker
Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Irwin, Alexander Cameron
Kernan, Thomas Hugh
Knight, David Edgar
Krause, Frederick Low
Leining, John Henry
Lewek, Solomon
Logan, Anderson Dabney
Marcuse, Marcus
McFarlane, James Clark
Miller, Arthur Gardner
Molineux, Henry
Mould, William
Nelson, William Harvey
Patterson, George
Peacock, James Richard
Peacock, William Flint
Peck, William Francis
Reece, Thomas White
Rideout, Norman Dunning
Roberts, John Henry
Rogers, Samuel Josiah Smith
Sanborn, Miles Edward
Saye, George Marion
Schuler, Conrad
Seely, John Ambrose
Skinner, Randolph Whitney
Slingsby, William
Stafford, William Henry
Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Webb, Charles Augustus
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Woodworth, Homer Allen—80.

DIED:

Aaron, Francis William Howard
Faulkner, Charles
Lee, Ortis Frederick
Peters, Joseph
Stone, Lewis Charles
Vanderwarker, Abner *K*—6

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....84
Greeted..... 2—86
Died 6
Now borne upon the roll....80—86.

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Frank Wilson Street, *Th. Ill. Master*, Charles Edward Street, *Recorder*,
Henry Clay Calhoun, *Dep. Ill. Mas.*, Crittenden Hampton, *C. of Guards*,
Eduard Keil, *Prin. Con. of Work*, Alonzo Colby, *Conductor*,
John Mundorf, *Treasurer*, Nils Ladefoyed Knudson, *Steward*,
Abraham Barlow, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edward Lang, Frank Wilson Street.
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers.

SELECT MASTERS:

Barton, Eugene Hamilton	McDonald, Donald James
Brown, Gurdon	Mitchell, Frederick Francis
Burden, Charles Henry	Morgan, Frank Albert
Conrad, Frederick	Morrison, John Chambers
Eastman, William White	Nicol, George Woodburn
Eslick, Charles	O'Connell, John Henry
Fontana, Charles Domenick	Parsons, Edmond
Gould, Elisha Toman	Patterson, Archibald
Hender, Thomas Arthur Stiles	Preston, Howard Alvin
Johnson, Andrew Porter	Raggio, Joseph
Johnson, Peter	Sharwood, William
Lane, Thomas Travis	Shine, John Henry
Long, Wilbur	Wells, Thomas Washington
Long, William Giles	Witney, John Larkin
Matthews, James	Yossi, John Frederick—41

DIED:

Yancey, Tryon Milton—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....36	Died 1
Greeted ..... 6—42.	Now borne upon the roll....41—42.

SHASTA COUNCIL, No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Morris Mehon, *Th. Ill. Master*, Adolphus Bystle, *Recorder*,
Jewett Scranton, *Deputy Ill. M.*, John Sale Strode, *C. of the Guard*,
John William Garden, *P. C. Works*, George Crone Strode, *Conductor*,
William Alexander Boswell, *Treas'r*, Wilhelm Kellner, *Steward*,
Gunther Frederick Chas. Schroter, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle, Albert Frederick Ross,
Adolph Dobrowsky, Morris Mehon.

SELECT MASTERS:

Andrew, William	Brown, Ancil Lycurgus
Andrews, Alexander Robertson	Cahoone, William Brower
Beard, John Samuel	Fish, William Andrew
Bell, Joseph Evans	Gardner, Elias Dehaven
Blossom, Robert Hurd	Hall, Joseph *N*

Hawkins, Divine Zacharias
Hull, Sylvester
Kimball, Gorham Gates
Labonte, Francis Xaiver
Lowden, William Spencer
McCoy, Leo Lewis
McDonald, Angus
Miller, Thomas Love
Murphy, Sylvanus Everett
Nichols, James Levin
Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Reynolds, John Edward
Ross, Herman Frederick
Rosland, Oscar *O*
Rowles, James
Satterlee, Frank Peck
Scott, John *V*
Scammon, James Freeman
Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Smith, Champion *W*
Sweeny, Edward
Weil, David
Weil, Joseph
Wimmer, James Moses—46.

RESTORED:

Scott, John *V*—1

DIED:

Gillespie, John
Taylor, Clay Webster—2

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....43
Greeted..... 4
Restored..... 1—48.
Died..... 2
Now borne upon the roll .... 46—48.

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9.

Helena, Montana.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Booker, *Recorder*,
William McClatchey, *D. Ill. Master*, Francis Doremus Jones, *Capt. of G*
Joseph J. Hindson, *P. C. of W.*, Alfred Douglas Edgar, *Conductor*,
Edward D. Neill, Jr., *Treasurer*, August Weisenhorn, *Steward*
William Dulin Smith, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornilius Hedges,
Walter E. Frederick,
James W. Hathaway,
William McClatchey,
Henry M. Parchen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Cater, Charles *S*
Cook, Andrew B
Cowden, Henry
Cummings, Pat W.
Davis, Lewellyn Daniel
Evans, Henry D.
Featherman, James Benjamin
Featherman, John A.
Garrett, Clarence B.
Guthrie, Henry *H*
Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin *M*
Jackson, George Washington
Jones, Louis L.
Jury, William
Kirkendall, Thomas B.
Kleinschmidt, Theodore H.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
McCann, William Henry
Murphy, John

Nolan, Cornelius B.
Palmer, Aleck. L.
Reese, Hugh
Reinig, Michael
Robinson, Jeremiah
Schwab, Samuel
Sederburg, Albert Vitalis
Sommers, Henry
Spalding, William Scott
Stewart, William Wallace
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Walker, Jacob Longacre
White, Charles Eugene
Wood, George R.—49.

WITHDRAWN:

Greenhood, Isaac
Kennon, Richard *T*—3
Stebbins, Charles Henderson

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Hunter, Duncan Thomas
Fox, Johnathan N.—2

DIED:

Kirkendall, Hugh—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	53	Withdrawn	3
Greeted	2—55	Suspended for N. P. D.	2
		Died	1
		Now borne upon the roll	49—55.

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Richards Hedges, *T. Ill. M.*,
John Yardley, *D. Ill. Master*,
John Garwood, *Prin. Con. Works*,
Henry Coffin Shaw, *Treasurer*,
Geo. Alexander McKenzie, *Recorder*,
Henry Ephriam Robbins, *C. of Guard*,
Edward Elbridge Hood, *Conductor*,
Flavil Gaylord Hickox, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Howe, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies,
Edward Richards Hedges,
Alexander Chalmers.

SELECT MASTERS:

Bachmann, Carl August
Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins
Beede, William Morris Stewart
Blodgett, John Millard
Bransford, Edgar McDowell
Brown, Philip Thomas
Buell, Park Arbington
Caine, John
Castle, Durrett Oliver
Catts, George Elbert
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Cobb, Frank Dyckman
Cotterell, William
Cross, Samuel Nelson
Cunningham, Thomas
Dalby, Samuel Price
Elliott, Lyman Weston
Fraser, Philip Barry
Friedberger, Arnold
Friedberger, Leo

Harrison, Nerval
Harrison, William Bruce
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Henderson, Orrin Staples
Jory, John
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Lane, Frank Ellis
Langford, George William
Latta, Samuel Eikenbarry
Lehe, Eugene
McCreary, Edward Davis
McGuffick, William
McKinnon, Angus
McLeod, John *H*
McPherson, Joseph Kennon
Noble, Arthur Morgan
Norton, Charles Willis
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Isaac Henry
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Russell, Richard William
Seeley, John Whitney
Shurtleff, George Augustus
Smith, James Webb
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Sperry, George Barker
Stone, William Henry
Swain, Cornelius
Swain, Joseph Henry
Thompson, Edward Rees
Tindall, Pleasant Hay
Wallace, Hamilton—65.

RESTORED:

Lane, Frank Ellis—1

WITHDRAWN:

Ditz, George N.
Milco, Nicola—3
Peters, Joseph Daphine

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Baggs, Henry Nichols
Barber, Joseph Martin
Bergman, Francis Gustav A. H.
Castle, Christopher Champlin
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
McKenzie, John Alex.—6

DIED:

Hurd, Columbus
Kerr, Benjamin Eadie—2

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	72	Withdrawn	3
Greeted	3	Suspended for N. P. D	6
Restored	1—76.	Died	2
		Now borne upon the roll	65—76.

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Byron Scarborough, *T. Ill. M.* August Wackerbarth, *Recorder*,
Jasper Newton Preston, *D. Ill. Master*, George Henry Habel, *Capt. of Guard*,
George Sinsabaugh, *P. C. of W.*, David Munroe Sutherland, *Cond'ct'r*,
Walter Clements Durgin, *Treasurer*, Ambrogio Vignolo, *Steward*,
Edward Hall Miller, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme, *P. G. M.*,
Granville Quincy Stewart,
Robert Gilmore Cunningham,
August Wackerbarth,
Julius Brousseau.
Wm. Byron Scarborough.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Horace Bishop
Armstrong, George
Aylsworth, George Webb
Bagley, Charles Leland
Baldwin, Cornelius Vanoy
Bernard, Gustav Adolph George
Bicknell, John Dustin
Blackmer, Eli Tucker
Bradbeer, James *H*
Branch, John Franklin
Brookman, Arthur
Brown, John Alexander
Buchanan, James Alexander
Bulla, Robert Nelson
Bullis, Omri
Burr, Charles Martin
Burr, William Orange
Campbell, Alfred Quincy
Campbell, John Mis
Cannon, John Stevens
Cave, Daniel
Chase, Lucius Kurtz
Colbert, Patrick
Conradi, Simon
Courey, Nathaniel Parrish
Crawford, James Seth
Cummings, William George
Cunningham, John Calvin
Davis, Harvey
Dixen, Willis Milner
Dole, John Henry
Dornfield, Ferdinand Emil
Drake, James Frederick
Drought, Robert
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry
Fairchild, John Anthony
Fiscus, Joseph
Folsom, Niles Rathbone
Fordham, Milton Cephas
Foshay, James *A*
Fraisher, Robert Love
Garthside, Joseph Relton
Glass, Henry
Goehring, John George
Gotthelf, David
Grubb, Oscar Edwin
Guthrie, Churchill Philip
Guthrie, Finis Wm.
Hart, Frank John
Haskell, John Condit
Henderson, William Hutchinson
Herron, Rufus Hills
Hinds, George
Hubbard, Wm. Lewis
Hughes, John Francis
Illich, Gerolomo
Jacobs, Lewis
Jacobs, Louis
Jones, Mark *G*
Jordan, Franklin
Jeffries, Wm. Parrish
Jeffries, William Thomas
Kingsley, Amos
King, John
Knickerbocker, Niles
Lambie, William Thomas
Langdon, Frederic Sylvestor
Levy, Michael
Long, James William
Louis, Emanuel *J*
Martin, Julius Herbert
Mathewson, John Luther
McAllister, James Pinkerton
McClurkin, Wm. John
McFie, Wm. Thomas
Medina, John Blancarte
Merrill, Joseph Lane
Merwin, Andrew Homer
Meyer, Samuel
Miller, John McCalmont

Morgan, Addison
Morgan, William Adams
Morris, John Wood
Murphy, Claire Warren
Owens, Madison Townsand
Paul, John Rink
Parker, Francis Marion
Pease, Niles
Pease, Sherman
Pendell, Charles Elisha
Perry, John Sargent
Pfaffinger, Frank Havier
Polaski, Lewis
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Rolfe, Horace Cowen
Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Rule, Fred Kennett
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Santee, Milton
Scheerer, Conrad
Schmidt, Fred William Theodore
Smith, Henry Augustus
Spence, William Glenn
Strohm, Thomas
Suits, Elihu Daniel
Urmston, John Kreck
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Varcoe, George
Variel, Joshua Hutchins
Vawter, Edwin James
Vetter. Louis Fisher
Walker, Daniel Henry
Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Watson, George Samuel
Wheeler, Emanuel Randolph
Whitson, Levi Henry
Williams, Romayne
Willis, Frank Rominar
Wilson, Thomas Jonathan
Young, John William—134.

RESTORED:

Jordan, Franklin—1

EXCLUDED:

Freeman, Edward Herbert
Hinman, Clifford Irwin
McManis, John Rodman
Moore, James Lamar
Storey, Norton Filmore—5

DIED:

Van Lew, Fred—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	72	Withdrawn	2
Greeted	60	Excluded	5
Affiliated	9	Died	1
Restored	1—142	Now borne upon the roll	134—142

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, fifth Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Albert H. Merritt, *Th. Ill. M.*, Amasa Wright Bishop, *Recorder*,
John Alexander Britton, *D. Ill. M.*, Edmund Constant Robinson, *C. of G.*,
Edward Harrison Morgan, *P. C. W.*, Herman F. Schleuter, *Conductor*.
William Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*, Patrick Cahill, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett,
James Bestor Merritt,
William Frank Pierce,
Edward Harrison Morgan,
Webb Nicholson Pearce,
Edwin Allen Sherman,
Eugene Cormeny,
William Clay Smith,
Robert Edgar,
Amasa Wright Bishop,
August Lewis Ott.
Damien Edmont Fortin.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ames, George Spencer
Baldwin, Robert Oliver
Beckwith, John *A*
Bice, John
Bradley, John Tilford
Breed, Arthur Hastings
Brown, Lewis Henry
Burnham, Charles Franklin
Burrell, Alfred William
Cary, Amzi *B*
Clift, Frederick Charles
Crellin, Thomas Arthur
Crooks, John Chisholm
Dalton, Henry Philip
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
Douglass, Charles Henry
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Ely, Ralph Asahel
Evers, John Henry
Fletter, Freborn *J*
French, Robert Elsworth
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor
Goodman, George
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gregory, Calvin Levi
Gunn, Adam Francis
Hahn, Henry Casper
Hale, William Elmer
Hamilton, William Thomas
Handy, Brayton Everington
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Hewes, Charles Leslie
Hewes, Charles Wesley
Hunt, Clarence Melville
Kales, Martin William
Kendall, Alpheus
Koser, Newton Alexander
Lamoureaux, Philias Henry
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Martin, John
Mauzy, Byron
McClymonds, John William
Meek, Horry Wert
Meek, William Elsworth
Metcalf, George Dickson
Michaels, Henry
Morris, Moses
Nutting, Charles Wilber
O'Donnell, Francis Henry E.
Owens, Wm. Henry Searls
Parsons, Thomas *J*
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall
Payne, George Henry
Perkins, Alfred Thomas
Phillips, John Waterman
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Randall, Charles Wells
Robbins, Henry Russell
Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Samson, Martin Meyer
Sears, Herman *B*
Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Spreckels, Richard
Stone, Andrew *L*
Stone, Louis *S*
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Taylor, Albert Mills
Twombly, Charles Henry
Wall, Joseph George
Walsh, Edward Marion
Webster, Leander Rankin

Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Williams, John
Woodin, Eugene
Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablonsky, John—96.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....94 Now borne upon the roll.....—96.
Greeted.....2—96.

GATEWAY COUNCIL, No. 13.

Auburn, Placer County.

Stated meetings, third Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Gould Bisbee, *Th. Ill. Master*, David Wlademer Lubeck, *Recorder*,
John M. Fulweiler, *Dep. Ill. Master*, Alexander K. Robinson *C. of Guards*,
William Albert Crowell, *Prin. C. W.*, Johnathan Fulton, *Cond'r*,
John Chisholm, *Treasurer*, William Bransen Lardner, *Steward*,
Robert William Roberts, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Master:
Jacob Hart Neff.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ackerman, Francis Marion
Bell, Joseph Vincent
Brown, Edmund Doyle
Coombs, William
Curtis, Henry Chittenden
Delano, Ira Lemuel
Disque, Henry
Gladding, Albert James
Jansen, Walter
Martin, Charles
McAnnich, John
May, William Isaac
Rooney, Robert Fleming
Smith, Benjamin Franklin
Sparks, William Martin
Stevenson, Thomas
Todd, Thomas Milton—27.

EXCLUDED:

Coker, Gould Carlton—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....28 Excluded..... 1
Now borne upon the roll.....27—28.

SANTA ANA COUNCIL, No. 14.

Santa Ana, Orange County.

Stated Meetings, third Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

James William Towner, *Th. Ill. M.*, George Akerman Whidden, *Recorder*,
Harlem Fairbanks, *Dep. Ill. Master*, James Deane Wilder, *C. of Guards*,
John Saxton Haywood, *Prin. C. W.*, Erwin Ellsworth Richardson, *Cond.*.
Robert Francis Chilton, *Treasurer*, Max Reinhaus, *Steward*,
James Stapleton Cotter, *Sentinel*.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ball, Charles Dexter
Bowers, Addison Crockett
Bisby, Robert Lee
Bundy, Milton John
Buss, Edwin Dumont
Buck, John Henry
Clark, George Crook
Deyoe, Frederick Theodore
Diers, Henry
Edelman, Charles
Frampton, George Reed
Gamble, Austin Abram
Gildermacher, Joseph
Griffiths, George Whitefield Jr.
Hall, James Hedges
Hill, Samuel
Holgate, Schofield
King, James William
Lehman, William Henry
Medlock, James Randolph
McCarric, Franklin
Preble, George Edward
Weeks, George Warren
Wood, William Bell—33.

WITHDRAWN:

Branch, Franklin
Gray, Andrew Tennant—2

RECAPITULATION:

Charter members	9	Withdrawn	2
Greeted	24	Now borne upon the roll	33—35.
Affiliated	2—35		

LIST OF THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS,

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1898.

	Names of Councils.	No. of Council.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council
1	Sacramento	1	10	....	....	....	1	9	.....	....	5	200	$110 00
2	California	2	9	....	1	5	1	....	.....	....	2	247	132 50
3	Marysville	3	2	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	6	80	42 00
*	Sierra Nevada	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
4	Sonora	5	6	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	1	41	26 50
5	Shasta	6	4	....	1	....	....	....	.....	....	2	46	27 00
*	Virginia	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
*	Yreka	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
6	Helena	9	2	....	....	3	....	2	.....	....	1	49	26 50
7	Stockton	10	3	....	1	3	....	6	.....	...	2	65	35 50
8	Los Angeles	11	60	9	1	2	5	....	.....	....	1	134	127 00
9	Oakland	12	2	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	96	49 00
10	Gateway	13	....	....	....	....	1	....	.....	....	....	27	13 50
11	Santa Ana	14	24	2	....	2	....	....	.....	....	....	33	40 50
			122	11	4	15	8	17	.....	....	20	1018	$630 00

* Charter surrendered.

GRAND COUNCILS
IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

With Addresses of Grand Recorders.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorders.	Residence.
ALABAMA,	H. CLAY ARMSTRONG,	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS,	JAMES A. HENRY,	Little Rock.
CANADA,	SIDNEY J. SANFORD,	Barrie.
CONNECTICUT,	JAMES MCCORMICK,	Hartford.
ENGLAND AND WALES,	C. F. MATIER,	Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen St., London, W.C.
FLORIDA,	JOHN CARLOVITZ,	Milton.
GEORGIA,	W. A. WOLIHIN,	Albany.
ILLINOIS,	GIL. W. BARNARD,	Chicago.
INDIANA,	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE,	Indianapolis.
INDIAN TERRITORY,	JOSEPH S. MURROW,	Atoka.
KANSAS,	A. M. CALLAHAM..	Topeka.
KENTUCKY,	L. D. CRONINGER,	Covington.
LOUISIANA,	RICHARD LAMBERT,	New Orleans.
MAINE,	STEPHEN BERRY,	Portland.
MARYLAND,	GEORGE L. MCCAHAN,	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,	SERANUS BOWEN,	Boston.
MICHIGAN,	JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,	Coldwater.
MINNESOTA,	THOMAS MONTGOMERY,	St. Paul.
MISSISSIPPI,	J.L. POWER,	Jackson.
MISSOURI,	WILLIAM H. MAYO,	St. Louis.
NEBRASKA,	WM. R. BOWEN,	Omaha.
NEW BRUNSWICK,	ROBERT MARSHALL,	St. John.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	GEORGE P. CLEAVES,	Concord.
NEW JERSEY,	CHARLES BECHTEL,	Trenton.
NEW YORK,	GEORGE VAN VLIET,	16 Eighth Avenue, New York City.
NORTH CAROLINA,	JAMES C. MUNDS,	Wilmington.
OHIO,	WILLIAM E. EVANS,	Chillicothe.
OREGON,	SETH L. POPE,	Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA,	JOSHUA L. LYTE,	Lancaster.
RHODE ISLAND,	WILLIAM R. GREENE,	Providence.
SCOTLAND,	ROBERT S. BROWN,	5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.
SOUTH CAROLINA,	ZIMMERMAN DAVIS,	Charleston.
TENNESSEE,	WM. A. CLENDENING,	Nashville.
VERMONT,	WARREN G. REYNOLDS,	Burlington.
WASHINGTON,	EDWARD R. HARE,	Tacoma.
WISCONSIN,	JOHN W. LAFLIN,	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. COUNCIL U. S.,	HENRY W. MORDHURST,	Fort Wayne, Ind.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	William Frank Pierce*	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Connecticut	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
Georgia	Robert Ash	San Francisco.
Illinois	*——— ———	———.
Indiana	William Hewson Davis,	Sacramento.
Indian Territory	William Hewson Davis	Sacramento.
Kansas	Henry Ascroft	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Minnesota	*——— ———	———.
Missouri	George Penlington	San Francisco.
Nebraska	*——— ———	———.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
North Carolina	William Hewson Davis	Sacramento.
Ohio	Wm. Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
Rhode Island	Charles Euwin Gillett	Oakland.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.

*Deceased.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	*——— ———	———
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Connecticut	Alexander B. Shumway	Litchfield.
Georgia	Christopher F. Lewis	Augusta
Illinois	John A. Ladd	Sterling.
Indiana	Orlando W. Brownback	Pendleton.
Indian Territory	Jabez H. Mann	McAllster, Choctaw Nation.
Kansas	Robert E. Torrington	Wechita.
Kentucky	James Dysert Lewis	Louisville.
Louisana	Samuel Manning Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland.
Maryland	Albert Benedict Lyman	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Eugene H. Richards	Boston.
Michigan	*——— ———	———.
Minnesota	W. A. Spaulding	Minneapolis.
Missouri	Thomas Seal	St. Louis.
Nebraska	Edwin A. Allen	North Loup.
New Hampshire	John F. Maynard	Ashland.
New Jersey	John M. Knapp	Ridgewood.
New York	Theodore H. Barber	Syracuse.
North Carolina	W. F. Randolph	Asheville.
Ohio	Edwin Morrell	Columbus.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	Reuben E. Taft	Titusville.
Rhode Island	Robert S. Franklin	Newport.
South Carolina	John R. Allen	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Vermont	George W. Wing	Montpelier.

*Deceased

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council June 26, A. Dep. 2860.

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS, ... *Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JAMES LDWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ... *Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Grand Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN ASHBY TUTT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

*ISAAC SUTVENE DAVIS, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1868.

*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Master;*
*STEPHEN WING,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*LEONARD GOSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

*STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WM. MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1879.

EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARD HEDGES,.....*Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1886.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1891.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ...*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1892.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1893.

*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1894.

GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1895.

CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, ...*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1896.

WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1897.

HENRY ASCROFT, ...*Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1898.

ROBERT ASH,.....*Grand Master;*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
JACOB HART NEFF,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER:

ROBERT ASH,

SAN FRANCISCO.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,

SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTICE.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the seventeenth day of April, A. D. 1899, Anno Dep. 2899, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THOS. H. CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

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TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

M.·. I.·. GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT ITS

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

HELD AT THE

MASONIC TEMPLE, IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

ON

MONDAY, APRIL 17, A. D., 1899, A. DEP. 2899.

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FOR THE

Year Commencing April, A. D. 1899, A. Dep. 2899.

M.·. I.·. AUG. WACKERBARTH, GRAND MASTER,..... *Los Angeles;*
R.·. I.·. JACOB HART NEFF,...DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, *Colfax;*
R.·. I.·. WM. B. SCARBOROUGH, { GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS, } *Los Angeles;*
R.·. I.·. FRANKLIN H. DAY,....GRAND TREASURER,.....*San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. WM. A. DAVIES,.....GRAND RECORDER,.....*San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. THOS. KYLE,.....GRAND CHAPLAIN,.....*San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. JOHN GOULD BISBEE,. { GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS, } ....*Auburn;*
R.·. I.·. ALBERT H. MERRITT, { GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL, } *Oakland;*
R.·. I.·. JAMES H. HALL,.....GRAND STEWARD,.....*Santa Ana;*
R.·. I.·. JAMES B. MERRITT,..GRAND LECTURER,.....*Oakland;*
R.·. I.·. SAMUEL D. MAYER,...GRAND ORGANIST, ...*San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. CHAS. E. GILLETT,...GRAND SENTINEL, ...*Oakland.*

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California commenced its thirty-ninth Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Monday, the seventeenth day of April, A. D. 1899, A. Dep. 2899, at ten o'clock A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. Ill.·.* ROBERT ASH,.....*Grand Master;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* AUGUST WACKERBARTH,....*Deputy Grand Master;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* JACOB HART NEFF,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works,*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,....*Grand Treasurer;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* WM. A. DAVIES,.....*Grand Recorder;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Chaplain;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* WM. BYRON SCARBOROUGH,.*Grand Captain of the Guards;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* JOHN GOULD BISBEE,.....*Grand Conductor of the Council;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* ALBERT H. MERRITT,.....*Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,....*Grand Organist;*
" *Ill.·.* GEO. WASHINGTON PERKINS,*Grand Sentinel.*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Past Grand Master;*
" *M.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,..... " " "

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,..... *Past Grand Master;*
" *M.·. I.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,..... " " "

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS:

M.·. I.·. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....Arkansas, Ohio and Rhode Island;
M.·. I.·. CHAS. EDWIN GILLETT,.....Connecticut;
M.·. I.·. ROBERT ASH,.....Georgia;
M.·. I.·. THOMAS KYLE,.....Kentucky;
M.·. I.·. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....Massachusetts;
M.·. I.·. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....Michigan;
M.·. I.·. GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....Missouri and Pennsylvania;
M.·. I.·. EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....New Hampshire;
M.·. I.·. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....South Carolina;
M.·. I.·. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....Vermont.

And the Representatives of eight chartered Councils, with several Past Thrice Illustrious Masters by service in this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being a sufficient number present, the Grand Council of California was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain and music by the choir.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following Committee on Credentials:—

WM. A. DAVIES,
ED. R. HEDGES,
GEO. PENLINGTON, } *Committee.*

After a short recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of chartered Councils, and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, as being present and entitled to seats, viz.:—

Sacramento, .No. 1,.. { JAMES ELLSWORTH THOMPSON, Th. Ill. Master;
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,
EDWIN GLOVER, } P.Th. Ill. Mas'rs.

California, ...No. 2,.. { GEORGE PENLINGTON, Prin. Con. of the Works;
ROBERT ASH,
THOMAS KYLE,
WILLIAM THOS. REYNOLDS,
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,
GEO. PENLINGTON, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Sonora,.....No. 5,.. { EDWARD KEIL, Th. Ill. Master, Past Th. Ill. Master and Representative of the Council.

Stockton,.....No. 10,.. { EDW. RICHARDS HEDGES, Th. Ill. Master.

Los Angeles,..No. 11,.. { DAVID M. SUTHERLAND, Dep. Ill. Master and Proxy for Thrice Ill. Master.

Oakland,.....No. 12,.. { CHAS. EDWIN GILLETT, JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Gateway,.....No. 13,.. { JOHN GOULD BISBEE, Thrice Ill. Master; JACOB HART NEFF, Prin. Conductor of Works; JOHN GOULD BISBEE, P. Th. Ill. Master.

Santa Ana,..No. 14,. { JAMES HEDGES HALL, Thrice Ill. Master.

Which report was concurred in, and the Companions named therein were admitted to seats.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies of the journal.

The Grand Master appointmed the following regular committees:—

On Jurisprudence:

Comp. Robert Ash,
" Jacob H. Neff,
" Edward R. Hedges.

On Appeals and Grievances:

Comp. Charles E. Gillett,
" Albert H. Merritt,
" James Hedges Hall.

On Finances and Returns:

Comp. James Bestor Merritt,
" Thomas Kyle,
" Jacob Hart Neff.

On New Councils:

Comp. William Byron Scarborough,
" Wm. Frank Pierce,
" Edward Keil.

The Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:—

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:—

I welcome you to this, the 39th Annual Session and re-union of the Grand Council of California. The year that has passed since our last session has been a memorable year in the history of our country and our Order. The assassination of 260 American sailors and the sinking of the Maine in a most cruel and inhuman manner provoked a conflict between our country and Spain.

From the President and the Congress of the United States came a Declaration of War, and the whole people of the United States, in the

spirit of patriotism, welcomed the decree, not in a spirit of revenge, but in the cause of *liberty* and *humanity;* we decorated our banners, formed an unbroken line and took up the sword.

The conflict was brief, and the American armies were victorious upon land and sea. Some of our Companions were the first to draw the sword and the first to proclaim the glad tidings of victory. Admiral Dewey, our Illustrious Companion, one of the brightest and bravest men that *wears the stars*, less than one year ago, planted the standard of civilization and humanity on the islands of the Eastern Sea in the midst of a victory the grandest that history has ever recorded. Soon afterwards another victory in the Western Sea of equal grandeur brought again the dawn of peace. The clouds of battle and the smoke of the conflict on land soon cleared away and the rainbow of peace appeared on the retreating clouds and proclaimed that the war was over.

The history of the conflict will soon be written. Civilization has been extended, American valor, American arms and American patriotism have triumphed and the stainless stripes and the glittering stars of the American Flag, the symbol of our country and our Order, now floats in triumph in perpetual sunshine.

I have, in this brief manner, alluded to the events of the past year, for the purpose of drawing the attention of the Brethren of our noble Order to its teachings and its history. The American Union has had the united confidence and support of all the Brethren in every degree of Masonry.

Companions, GOD, our country, our neighbor and our Order is the motto of our craft. The history of the past has recorded many noble deeds; the future needs your assistance.

Since our last session Comp. WARBURTON, the Grand Sentinel of this Council, has departed this life.

Death terminated his labors in this Lodge below, and we hope that he now rests in the higher Lodge above, to which we are all advancing. I recommend that a page in our printed proceedings be set apart as a memorial to his memory.

COMMISSIONS.

I received a commission from *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN HUMPHREYS, Grand Master of Colorado, asking that a representative be appointed to represent the Grand Council of California in Colorado.

I recommended our *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JACOB HART NEFF for this appointment, and he was duly commissioned as such representative.

I also, at the request and on the recommendation of the Grand Master of Colorado, commissioned *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. COLAIN E. REED, of Denver, Colorado, as the representative of the Grand Council of California near the Grand Council of Colorado.

I also, at the request of *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master of Michigan, appointed *Ill.·.* Comp. BAYARD A. CHURCH, resident of St. Louis, Michigan, as the

representative of the Grand Council of California near the Grand Council of Michigan.

BY-LAWS.

I received a communication from *Santa Ana* Council, No. 14, located at Santa Ana, California, requesting the approval of a change in the By-Laws, so that the meeting of the Council could be held on the third Tuesday of each month instead of the third Wednesday.

The proper copies were forwarded and the amendment approved.

MEMBERSHIP.

The degrees of R. & S. M. conferred in the Councils should be made prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, and I call the attention of the proper representatives of the Grand Encampment of the United States to consider this important subject at the earliest opportunity, with the hope that such a change will be made.

The membership of this branch of our Order should be increased and more interest should be taken in the degrees. This can only be done by the active efforts of the individual members. More interest should be taken in the Council work.

There has been a small increase in our membership during the year.

In many places in this jurisdiction during the last year business was bad on account of the dry season and the prospect of continual drouth, which resulted in great financial distress. Happily, however, the drouth was followed by a bountiful supply of rain, and the prospects for the coming year are brighter and better than for many years past.

I extend my thanks to the Companions of our Order for many courtesies during the year.

In company with *M.·. Ill.·.* Principal of the Works NEFF, I witnessed the work in *Gateway* Council, No. 13, and found the officers of the Council well skilled in the Royal Art. Four candidates received the degrees, and after the installation of the officers a very pleasant time was spent at a banquet.

I witnessed the work of *Oakland* Council, No. 12, with its new corps of officers, for the first time filling their stations. It was well done, and only proves that when the Companions take an active interest success is sure to follow their efforts.

I have witnessed the work in *California* Council, No. 2, over which *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. ASCROFT presides. The work was well done as usual. Great credit is due to the officers in all the Councils for their efforts during the past year.

OUR NEXT MEETING.

I am advised that next year, and on April 19, 1900, the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of California will commence the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Free Masonry in this State. As that will be the time for our

next annual session, I would suggest that our next annual session be convened a week earlier for the reason stated.

VACANCIES OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

On the death of our Grand Sentinel, SAMUEL WARBURTON, heretofore alluded to, I appointed to the vacancy Comp. GEORGE WASHINGTON PERKINS, of *California* Council, No. 2.

During the year our Grand Recorder, *M.·. Ill.·* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, resigned the office of Grand Recorder, and I appointed the *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, P. G. M., to fill the vacancy.

I wish to pay some tribute to Comp. CASWELL, who has been for so many years an officer in Masonic bodies in this State, and whose Masonic record is well known throughout the United States. By his resignation our Order has lost a faithful and efficient servant and officer.

I received from the General Grand Master of the United States a communication under date of August 8, 1898, notifying the Companions of this degree that a Grand Council had been duly organized in Colorado, and recommending the Companions of Colorado to our most cordial, fraternal, love and confidence.

It is with pleasure that I make this announcement, and hope that the lessons of the past may guide us in the future to a closer communion with our Brethren on that broad Masonic platform where we all can work and all agree.

REGALIA.

At our last meeting a special committee was appointed to procure suitable clothing and jewels for this Grand Council.

I have to report that the needed articles were obtained, and the officers and Companions are now clothed with the same.

I desire to return the thanks of this Grand Council to *California* Council, No. 2, for the use of clothing and jewels for some years past.

In conclusion I extend my thanks to the officers and members of this Grand Council for their assistance and support, and more especially for the honor conferred in electing me to the position of Grand Master.

I return the trust, with earnest hopes for the future welfare of our Order, praying that our Supreme Grand Master may prosper our work and direct us in the paths of peace.

ROBERT ASH,
Grand Master.

Which Address was referred to a special committee of three.

The Deputy Grand Master named as such committee Comps. JAMES B. MERRITT, JAMES HEDGES HALL and CHARLES E. GILLETT.

The Grand Recorder then presented his Annual Report :—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California :—

As required by the Constitution of the Grand Council, the undersigned respectfully reports the following transactions of his office since the last Annual Assembly, together with a statement of the receipts and expenditures and other matters proper to be considered by the Grand Council.

The proceedings of the last Annual Assembly were issued as usual, and the customary distribution made being one copy to each Grand and Past Grand Officer, one to each of our Representatives near other Grand Councils, three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each of our constituent Councils.

Commissions to Representatives near other Grand Councils were issued by order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master as follows: To Most Illustrious Comp. WILLIAM A. MCLEAN, Jacksonville, Florida; Comp. JAMES W. STATON, Brookville, Kentucky, and Comp. J. GILMAN WAITE, Medford, Massachusetts, to represent the Grand Council of California near their respective Grand Councils.

The following information, collated from the returns of the several Councils, shows a moderate increase in the membership of the jurisdiction:—

Number greeted during the year		86
Number restored		3
Number affiliated		5
		—94
Number withdrawn		6
Number suspended, non-payment of dues		16
Number excluded		13
Number died		28
		—
Total decrease		63
Showing a net gain of		31
		—94

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures of Grand Council during the year:—

FROM COUNCILS.

Sacramento,	No. 1,	dues to January 31st		$ 99 00
California,	No. 2,	"	"	132 00
Marysville,	No. 3,	"	"	34 50
Sonora,	No. 5,	"	"	29 00
Shasta,	No. 6,	"	"	22 50
Helena,	No. 9,	"	"	28 50
Stockton,	No. 10,	"	"	36 00
Los Angeles,	No. 11,	"	"	132 00
Oakland,	No. 12,	"	"	54 50
Gateway,	No. 13,	"	"	21 00
Santa Ana,	No. 14,	"	"	17 50
Total receipts for the year				$607 00

Paid to Grand Treasurer as per his receipts. $607 00
Fourteen warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer for the aggregate amount of. $620 00

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and disbursements since the last Annual Assembly:—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council R. & S. M. of California:—

1898.				
April 18.	To balance cash on hand			$ 679 98
1899.				
Feb. 27.	To received from Grand Recorder	$408 50		
April 6.	" " " " "	198 50		
	Receipts			607 00
				$1,286 98
1899.				
April 17.	By paid Edwin A. Sherman, services as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Voucher No. 1	$ 65 00		
	" paid Charles E. Gillett, services as Grand Sentinel, Voucher No. 2	7 50		
	" paid John B. McIntyre, binding Vol. 4, Grand Council Proceedings, 25 books, Voucher No. 3	18 75		
	" paid Samuel D. Mayer, services as Grand Organist, Voucher No. 4	7 50		
	" paid Robert Ash, % appropriation for expenses of visitation, Voucher No. 5	75 00		
	" paid Thos. H. Caswell, salary as Grand Recorder, Vouchers Nos. 6, 12, 13 and 14.	125 00		
	" paid Geo. Spaulding & Co., printing proceedings Grand Council for 1898, Voucher No. 7	298 90		
	" paid Thos. H. Caswell, for expenses Grand Recorder's office, Vouchers Nos. 8, 9, 11.	16 75		
	" paid Thos. H. Caswell, dues to General Grand Council, etc., Voucher No. 10	5 60		
	Disbursements			620 00
April 17.	Balance cash on hand			$ 666 98

All which is respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

The bill of J. M. LITCHFIELD & Co., for new clothing and jewels of $218.00, was referred to the Finance Committee, who approved the same and Grand Council ordered it paid.

The Committee on Finances and Returns reported as follows:—

To the Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Finances and Returns beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer and find them correct.

We find the accounts correctly kept and the sum of $666.98 in the hands of the Treasuerer.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

Grand Recorder's salary	$125 00
" Sentinel	7 50
" Organist	7 50
Chairman of Correspondence	65 00
Contingent expenses Grand Recorder's office	40 00
Printing proceedings	250 00
Expenses of Grand Master in visitation	150 00
For new clothing and jewels	218 00

JAMES B. MERRITT,
THOMAS KYLE,
JACOB H. NEFF,
Committee.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address reported as follows:—

To the Grand Council of California:—

Your committee respectfully report that we heartily concur in the patriotic sentiments expressed by the Grand Master, ever remembering that next to GOD our allegiance and our vows are to our country.

We recommend that a memorial page be set aside in the Journal of Proceedings and devoted to the memory of Comp. WABBURTON, our late Grand Sentinel.

We recommend that Grand Council approve all the official acts of the Grand Master.

In regard to the meeting of this Grand Council in 1900, we recommend that it be held as usual, on the day preceding the meeting of the Grand Chapter should that Grand Body meet earlier or later, and that the Grand Master be instructed to call the meeting in accordance with whatever action may be taken by the Grand Chapter.

Our Grand Master has been zealous in the performance of his duties,

and may retire with the satisfaction of having faithfully performed his duty to the Craft.

JAMES B. MERRITT,
JAMES H. HALL,
CHARLES E. GILLETT, } *Committee.*

In the absence of *Ill.·.* Comp. SHERMAN the report on Correspondence was presented and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, who reported later in the session that they would examine, amend the report if necessary, and prepare it for publication in the Journal of Proceedings.

The Representatives of other Grand Councils were welcomed by the Grand Master, and several eloquent responses made on behalf of the Grand Bodies represented.

Grand Master ASH announced the election of Grand Officers as the next business in order, and named Comps. CHARLES LORD FIELD and ALBERT H. MERRITT as tellers. The election proceeded with the following result:—

The *M.·.* *Ill.·.* AUGUST WACKERBARTH was elected Grand Master.

The *R.·.* *Ill.·.* JACOB HART NEFF was elected Deputy Grand Master.

The *R.·.* *Ill.·.* WM. B. SCARBOROUGH was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Works.

The *R.·.* *Ill.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer.

The *R.·.* *Ill.·.* WM. A. DAVIES was unanimously elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments:—

R.·. *Ill.·.* THOMAS KYLE.....as..*Grand Chaplain;*
R.·. *Ill.·.* JOHN GOULD BISBEE.....as..*Grand Captain of the Guards;*
R.·. *Ill.·.* ALBERT H. MERRITT.....as..*Grand Conductor of the Council;*
R.·. *Ill.·.* JAMES B. MERRITT.....as..*Grand Lecturer;*
R.·. *Ill.·.* JAMES HEDGES HALL.....as..*Grand Steward;*
Ill.·. SAMUEL D. MAYER.....as..*Grand Organist;*
Ill.·. CHARLES E. GILLETT.....as..*Grand Sentinel.*

The Grand Officers were instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the proper working of the Super Excellent Degree.

The officers-elect were then installed in their respective stations by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, assisted by the *M.·. Ill.·.* JAMES BESTOR MERRITT as Master of the Ceremonies.

The minutes were then read and the Grand Council closed in *Ample Form.*

AUGUST WACKERBARTH,
Grand Master.

Attest:

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
Grand Recorder.

LIST OF THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS,

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1899.

	Names of Councils.	No. of Council.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council
1	Sacramento	1	4	....	....	1	....	7	.....	....	7	190	$ 99 00
2	California	2	10	....	1	5	3	....	.....	....	6	244	132 00
3	Marysville	3	....	....	....	....	10	....	.....	....	1	69	34 50
*	Sierra Nevada	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
4	Sonora	5	8	....	....	....	....	4	.....	....	3	42	29 00
5	Shasta	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	1	45	22 50
*	Virginia	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
*	Yreka	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
6	Helena	9	3	....	....	....	....	1	.....	....	....	51	28 50
7	Stockton	10	3	....	1	....	....	....	.....	...	3	66	36 00
8	Los Angeles	11	44	5	1	....	....	4	.....	....	4	176	132 00
9	Oakland	12	8	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	2	93	54 50
10	Gateway	13	5	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	32	21 00
11	Santa Ana	14	1	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	1	33	17 50
			86	5	3	6	13	16	.....	....	28	1041	$606 50

* Charter surrendered.

This Mourning Page

IS DEVOTED TO THE MEMORY OF

Ill.·. Comp. Samuel Warburton,

BY ORDER OF THE M.·. ILL.·. GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF CALIFORNIA.

He was born in Sheffield, England, in 1845,

And died in San Francisco in 1898.

At the time of his death he was serving this Grand Council as its

GRAND SENTINEL.

"Men are such stuff as dreams are made of,
And our little life is rounded with a sleep."

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

A. D. 1899, A. Dep. 2899.

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL, No. 1.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Elsworth Thompson, *Th. Ill. M.*, Edwin Glover, *Recorder*,
George Dunn, *Dep. Ill. Master*, Charles Thos. Barton, *Capt. of G.*,
Geo. Louis Derman, *P. C. W.*, William Hewson Davis, *Conductor*,
William Monroe Petrie, *Treasurer*, Charles Alfred Carlson, *Steward*,
Cephas Charles Olney, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Monroe Petrie, *P. G. M.*, Richard Palmer Burr,
John William Rock, *P. G. M.*, Clive William Porter,
Edwin Glover, Alexander John Gardiner,
John Hurley, David Farr.
William Hewson Davis, Louis Cyrus Schindler.
Harry Ingham, William Alexander January.
Richard Vaughan, Charles Richard Goss,

SELECT MASTERS:

Alexander, Robert
Alltucker, Henry
Baker, Alfred Septimus
Baldwin, William Hedges
Bittancourt, Thomas Maria
Block, Maurice
Book, Franklin Weaver
Boyd, John Walter
Breuner, John
Breuner, Louis Frederick
Burchard, James Philo
Burnham, James Henry
Bush, George Thomson
Carroll, Edgar Barton
Carroll, Harry Winans
Casselli, Ansono
Chapman, Bernard Henry
Chapman, George Warren
Chrisman, Elmer Judson
Church, William Smithers
Clark, George Harvey
Clark, Jerome Franklin
Clemons, William Strong
Cohn, Edward Francis

Conaway, George Winfield
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin
Coppersmith, Michael Thos.
Cothrin, William Kip
Cox, Thomas Jones
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cunningham, John Austin
Dale, Richard
Davis, James Gilliland
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Dierssen, George Ernest August
Dixon, William Henry
Douglas, William Wallace
Dresbach, William
Dresher, Valentine
Dreyer, Rasmus Peter Nielson
Eppinger, Herman
Ettlinger, Bernard
Flemming, Frank
Fox, Thomas
Foye, William Robinson Smith
Frahm, Claus
Frates, Frank
Frazer, Thomas
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Frommelt, Hugo
Gable, Harvey Clinton
Gagnon, Alfred
Gallatin, Albert
Gardner, Charles Francis
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew, Jr.
Gillis, Dougald
Graham, Louis Edgar
Gray, Alexander Isaac
Gray, Arthur Irvine
Gruhler, John
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Mosheim Schumacher
Haynes, Edward
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, Wilbur Mark
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Heisen, Charles, Jr.
Heintzelman, Taylor Washington
Heitman, John Henry
Herzog, Philip
Hevener, William Henry
Hollister, Charles Edwin
Hollister, Dwight
Hoover, Benjamin Vanzandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Hubbs, Anthony
Hyman, Daniel
Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Jackson, William Franklin
Jensen, Robert
Johnson, Frank Taylor
Johnson, Hiram Warren
Johnson, Philip
Johnston, Alfred J.
Johnston, William
Just, John Peter
Ketcham, Marvin Alonzo
Kleinsorge, Henry Emil
Kleinsorge, Wm. Edward
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Knox, William Frederick
Lawson, Walter Brokaw
Leonard, Carl *A*
LeMay, Victor.
Levison, Jacob
Lightner, Bonus
Little, Christopher
Luhrs, Charles August
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McArthur, John
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McGlashan, Charles Fayette
McKee, Edwin Hervey

McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
McMarten, John Alexander
Meister, August
Menke, Anton
Mills, James Edgar
Molter, Jacob Philip
Morrison, James Mathew
Nathan, Samuel
Nevis, Manuel Silva
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Noack, Charles John
Ochsner, John
O'Neil, James
Peterson, William Frederick
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Platt, Philemon Eli
Prouty, William Harrison
Rego, Edward Sutherland
Reid, Thomas Barton
Robie, Ira C.
Scott, Thomas James
Schroth, John George
Scheunert, Carl Emil
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Shonefelt, William Domer
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Thomas
Stanley, Leander
Stephens, John Dickson
Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Steffens, Joseph
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Stephenson, Wm. Albert
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Stoll, Benjamin Franklin
Sweany, John
Taverner, George
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
Vermilya, Abram John
Webster, Joseph Richard
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
White, George Amos
Wiard, William Frederick
Wilder, Joel Osgood
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Woodburn, James
Wright, Charles Edward
Yardley, Herber Edward
Young, John Nelles
Young, Lamartine Wilson—190.

SUSPENDED FOR NONPAYMENT OF DUES:

Champlin, Nelson
Fay, Newton Murray
Flye, Charles Eben
Lewis, Samuel Amanzo
Rohrer, Frederick William
Tufts, Albert Currier
Whitelaw, John—7

DIED:

Andrews, John Nichols
Decker, Horace Washington
Dennery, Alphonse
Forbes, Robert
Foster, James Stewart
Howell, Sidney Algernon
Pacheco, Romualdo—7

WITHDRAWN:

Variel, Robert Henry Fauntleroy—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	201	Susp'ded for nonpay't of dues	7
Greeted	4—205	Died	7
		Withdrawn	1
		Now borne upon the roll	190—205.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Ascroft, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Thom Voel Harris, *D. Ill. M.*,
George Penlington, *Prin. Con. of W.*,
Charles Lord Field, *Treasurer*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Recorder*,
Henry Tilton Emery, *C. of G'd*,
Alexander Willman, *Conductor*,
Ralph La Forest Hathorn, *Steward*
Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
Geo. Washington Perkins, *Sentinel*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Thomas Kyle, *P. G. M.*,
William Thomas Reynolds, *P.G.M.*,
Franklin Henry Day, *P. G. M.*,
Charles Lord Field, *P. G. M.*,
George Penlington,
Edward Potter Cressey,
Henry Ascroft,
Robert Ash.

SELECT MASTERS:

Allen, Richard Spicer
Andres, Geo. Samuel
Anthony, Edward Taylor
Armstrong, George Robert
Baker, Charles Henry
Baldwin, Alfred Walton
Barclay, Robert Henry
Bassett, Charles Follen
Baum, David Andrew
Baum, Simon
Benedict, Courtland Smith
Birch, William Henry
Black, Howard
Bliss, Charles
Blossom, Henry Eckford
Bone, Charles
Bonney, Charles Sumner
Bragg, Robert
Broder, Robert Chidley
Bromley, George Tisdale
Browell, Jeremiah
Brown, Henry Adams
Brown, William Graham
Bruce, James Henderson
Bruce, William Young
Bruns, Henry Frederick
Bunker, Robert Elmer
Callinan, William
Campbell, Vernon
Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Chapman, Edward Kirk
Chesley, Charles Palmer
Christian, Ceasar
Christie, James Alexander
Clark, George Dickson
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans
Code, Philip *D*
Conlisk, Charles William
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Culver, James Henry
Curtis, John Morrison
Daggett, John Randolph
Davis, Henry Harvey
Davis, Winfield Scott
Day, Thomas Henry
Dean, Peter
Decker, Charles William
Dietterle, George
Dobler, Charles
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dominguez, Richard Arthur
Doud, Aaron

Dougherty, Charles Medley
Dragomanovich, Spiro *S G*
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty
Dunn, James
Dunne, James Patrick
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Eddy, Richard *A*
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Elias, Edward
Elliot, Charles Emery
Ewing, James Stanley
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Foster, Arthur William
Fraser, John P.
Frenzel, Godman August
Frolich, Theodore
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Gehret, Frederick
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Getz, Marcus
Giles, Frederick *N*
Godley, Montgomery
Goodban, Francis Edward
Grauerholz, Henry John
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Haas, David Leopold
Hale, Reuben Brooks
Hallett, Alonzo
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hare, Elias *C*
Hatch, Augustus Timothy
Hatch, James Henry
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Hellwig, Christian
Highton, Henry Edward
Hobbs, John Kemble Carlton
Hoffman, Harry Nathaniel
Holden, Samuel Emery
Hopkins, Timothy
Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Huested, Orson Justus
Huff, William Henry Routin
Iredale, Charles Winslow
Jeffers, Milo Sydney
Jellison, Benjamin Franklin
Jewett, George Albert
Johnson, Albert de Montfredy
Johnson, George
Jones, Edward Campbell
Jones, William Arthur
Jost, Charles
Jost, Charles, Jr.
Jost, Joseph
Jost, William Reinhard
Kent, Thaddeus Benning
Kern, Morris James
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Kimball, Roy Thurston
Kincaid, John Evans
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Knapp, Henry Hay
Koenig, Frank
Kohler, Henry
Kramer, Louis George
Krieg, Anton
Ladd, Frank Bacon
Landgrebe, Robert George
Law, Hartland
Lee, John Jr.
Lent, Samuel Lancaster
Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Logan, Milburne Hill
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lucas, John William
Lucas, Walter Edward
Lyman, William Whittingham
Lynch, Henry Hudson
Lyon, William Henry
Manner, Charles Vogt
Marsh, John Alfred

McCarty, James
McMillan, Robert
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Mentz, John Henry
Meston, Robert
Mitzner, Chas. Francis
Montealegre, Carlos Francisco
Moore, Andrew
Morffew, Thomas
Morgan, Charles Augustus
Murdock, George Leonard
Murphy, Charles Henry
Myerson, Simon
Nagle, Richard Hamilton
Nash, Charles
Neuhaus, Christian Henry Fred.
Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Newman, George Howard
Noonen, John
Norcross, Daniel
Noteware, Edward Washington
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Osborn, Lamartine
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Patton, Charles Lewis
Payne, Warren Ritch
Peck, Philip
Perkins, Samuel Henry
Perley, Albion Starbird
Pfingst, Ferdinand Louis
Phillips, William Rippard
Plummer, Cyrus Moody
Price, Thomas
Price, William Edmund
Prince, Henry Gilman
Reis, John O'Neal
Riley, John Francis
Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Ryan, Michael
Sabin, John Ira
Schetzel, Adolph Georg
Schlarbaum, John Cristian B.
Schmidt, Valentine
Schreiber, Martin August William
Scott, Henry Wilson
Seibel, Philipp
Seymour, Simon Harry
Smith, William Jacob
Soulé, Arthur Calvin
Soule, William Lloyd Garrison
Spaulding, James Garfield
Speier, Bernard
Stallman, Charles Christian
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stephenson, Edward
Stockfleth, John
Stoddart, Augustus Wynne
Sumner, Frank William
Swain, Edward Robinson
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thompson, George
Thompson, George Howard
Van Bergen, Henry
Vanderhurst, William
Veen, Frank Joseph
Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alexander Barack
Walker, Robert Andrew
Ward, William
Warwick, James Blain
Welch, Willard Choate, Jr.,
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
Whitcomb, Frank Randolph
Wiley, George Adrian
Wilson, Charles Harold
Williamson, Henry
Woodbury, Warren Dean
Young, Shirley Trever
Younger, William John—244.

RESTORED:

Knight, Edmund Ewell—1

WITHDRAWN:

Curry, John
Ellis, Benjamin
Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn
Knight, Edmund Ewell
Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.—5

EXCLUDED:

Mills, Edward Tyrrel Bisset
Thornton, Samuel Kennedy
Turner, James Frederick—3.

DIED:

Burns, Henry Bernhard
Cressy, Albert
Edmondson, John George
Griffin, John Wesley
Warburton, Samuel
White, Jonathan Lloyd—6

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report...	247	Withdrawn	5
Greeted	10	Excluded	3
Restored	1—258.	Died	6
		Now borne upon the roll...	244—258.

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Amasa Willey White, *Th. Ill. Master*, James Fred Eastman, *Recorder*,
Albert Julius Menz, *D. Ill. M.*, William Andrew Lowrey, *Capt. of G.*,
James Franklin Luttrell, *P. C. of W'k*, Charles *E* Stone, *Conductor*,
Frank *B* Miller, *Treasurer*, Thomas Hugh Kernan, *Steward*.
Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Holcombe Rhees,
Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Andrew Jackson Binney,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Lemuel Trescott Crane,
Charles Hapgood.
Frank *B* Miller,
William Andrew Lowrey.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Belcher, Richard
Berry, James McConnell
Blackburn, George *W*
Burchard, John Luther
Burner, Henry
Carpenter, George Washington
Clements, William Andrew
Cohn, Isaac Giballe
Crew, Alexander Hill
Deaner, Samuel Christian
Duncan, John Lewis

Ellis, William Turner
Engel, Peter
Ewell, Samuel
Fagan, Edward
Fimbreath, Arthur Francis
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hauss, Ferdinand
Haynes, James
Hochstadter, Simon
Hunter, William
Hutchins, Gavin Walker
Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Irwin, Alexander Cameron
Knight, David Edgar
Krause, Frederick Low
Lewek, Solomon
Logan, Anderson Dabney
Marcuse, Marcus
Miller, Arthur Gardner
Molineux, Henry
Mould, William
McLellan, John George
Nelson, William Harvey
Patterson, George
Peacock, William Flint
Peck, William Francis
Reece, Thomas White
Rideout, Norman Dunning
Rogers, Samuel Josiah Smith
Sanborn, Miles Edward
Saye, George Marion
Schuler, Conrad
Seely, John Ambrose
Skinner, Randolph Whitney
Slingsby, William
Stafford, William Henry
Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Webb, Charles Augustus
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Woodworth, Homer Allen—69.

EXCLUDED:

Asher, Alexander Branch
Baxter, John
Belknap, F. G.
Brown, Josiah Perkins
Elwell, William
Fisher, Charles Lester
Leining, John Henry
McFarlane, James Clark
Peacock, James Richard
Roberts, John Henry—10.

DIED:

Goad, William Frank—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....80
Excluded.....10
Died 1
Now borne upon the roll....69—80.

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Eduard Keil, *Th. Ill. Master*, Charles Edward Street, *Recorder*,
Henry Clay Calhoun, *Dep. Ill. Mas.*, Crittenden Hampton, *C. of Guards*,
Frank Wilson Street, *Prin. Con. of W.*, Eugene Hamilton Barton, *Conductor*,
John Mundorf, *Treasurer*, Archibald Patterson, *Steward*,
Abraham Barlow, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edward Lang, Frank Wilson Street.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adair, Charles Francis
Burden, Charles Henry
Colby, Alonzo
Eastman, William White
Eslick, Charles
Fontana, Charles Domenick
Gould, Elisha Toman
Hender, Thomas Arthur Stiles
Johnson, Andrew Porter
Johnson, Peter
Knudson, Nils Ladefoyed
Lane, Thomas Travis
Littlefield, John Franklin
Long, Wilbur
Long, William Giles
Loring, William Joseph
Miller, John Jacob
Morgan, John Stilwell, Jr.
Morgan, Frank Albert
Morgans, Philip Morgan
Morrison, John Chambers
Nicol, George Woodburn
Oliver, Dew Rodger
O'Connell, John Henry
Preston, Howard Alvin
Raggio, Joseph
Ratz, Frederick Henry
Sharwood, William
Shine, John Henry
Wells, Thomas Washington
Witney, John Lorin
Yossi, John Frederick—42.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Brown, Gurdon
McDonald, Donald James
Mitchell, Frederick Francis
Parsons, Edmond—4.

DIED:

Conrad, Frederick
Matthews, James
Rodgers, Edwin Aldrich—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....41
Greeted ..... 8—49.
Suspended for N. P. D..... 4
Died 3
Now borne upon the roll....42—49.

SHASTA COUNCIL, No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Morris Mehon, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Jewett Scranton, *Deputy Ill. M.*,
John William Garden, *P. C. Works*,
William Alexander Boswell, *Treas'r*,
Gunther Frederick Chas. Schroter, *Sentinel*.
Adolphus Bystle, *Recorder*,
John Sale Strode, *C. of the Guard*,
George Crone Strode, *Conductor*,
Wilhelm Kellner, *Steward*,

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle,
Adolph Dobrowsky,
Albert Frederick Ross,
Morris Mehon.

SELECT MASTERS:

Andrew, William
Andrews, Alexander Robertson
Beard, John Samuel
Bell, Joseph Evans
Blossom, Robert Hurd
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus
Cahoone, William Brower
Fish, William Andrew
Gardner, Elias Dehaven
Hall, Joseph *N*
Hawkins, Divine Zacharias
Hull, Sylvester
Kimball, Gorham Gates
Labonte, Francis Xaiver
Lowden, William Spencer
McCoy, Leo Lewis
Miller, Thomas Love
Murphy, Sylvanus Everett
Nichols, James Levin
Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Reynolds, John Edward
Ross, Herman Frederick
Rosland, Oscar *O*
Rowles, James
Satterlee, Frank Peck
Scott, John *V*
Scammon, James Freeman
Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Smith, Champion *W*
Sweeny, Edward
Weil, David
Weil, Joseph
Wimmer, James Moses—45.

DIED:

McDonald, Angus—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....46.
Died 1
Now borne upon the roll .....45—46.

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9.

Helena, Montana.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Booker, *Recorder*,
William McClatchey, *D. Ill. Master*, Francis Doremus Jones, *Capt. of G.*,
Joseph J. Hindson, *P. C. of W.*, Alfred Douglas Edgar, *Conductor*,
Edward D. Neill, Jr., *Treasurer*, August Weisenhorn, *Steward*.
William Dulin Smith, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornilius Hedges,
Walter E. Frederick,
James W. Hathaway,
William McClatchey,
Henry M. Parchen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Cater, Charles *S*
Cook, Andrew B
Cowden, Henry
Cummings, Pat W.
Davis, Lewellyn Daniel
Evans, Henry D.
Featherman, James Benjamin
Featherman, John A.
Garrett, Clarence B.
Guthrie, Henry *H*
Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin *M*
Jackson, George Washington
Jones, Louis L.
Kirkendall, Thomas B.
Kleinschmidt, Theodore H.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
McCann, William Henry
Middlemas, David W.
Murphy, John
Nolan, Cornelius B.
Page, Clarence V.
Palmer, Aleck. L.
Reese, Hugh
Reinig, Michael
Robinson, Jeremiah
Schwab, Samuel
Sederburg, Albert Vitalis
Sommers, Henry
Spalding, William Scott
Stewart, William Wallace
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Turton, John Booth
Walker, Jacob Longacre
White, Charles Eugene
Wood, George R.—51.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Jury, William—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....49
Greeted ..... 3—52.
Suspended for N. P. D..... 1
Now borne upon the roll.....51—52.

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Richards Hedges, *T. Ill. M.*, Geo. Alexander McKenzie, *Recorder*
John Yardley, *D. Ill. Master*, Henry Ephriam Robbins, *C. of Guard*,
John Garwood, *Prin. Con. Works*, Edgar McDowell Bransford, *Cond'tor*,
Henry Coffin Shaw, *Treasurer*, Flavil Gaylord Hickox, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Howe, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies,
Edward Richards Hedges,
Alexander Chalmers.

SELECT MASTERS:

Bachmann, Carl August
Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins
Beede, William Morris Stewart
Blodgett, John Millard
Brown, Philip Thomas
Buell, Park Arbington
Caine, John
Castle, Durrett Oliver
Catts, George Elbert
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Cobb, Frank Dyckman
Cotterell, William
Cross, Samuel Nelson
Cunningham, Thomas
Dalby, Samuel Price
Elliott, Lyman Weston
Fraser, Philip Barry
Friedberger, Arnold
Friedberger, Leo
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
Harrison, William Bruce
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Henderson, Orrin Staples
Jory, John
Kennedy, Hallie
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Lane, Frank Ellis
Langford, George William
Latta, Samuel Eikenbarry
McCreary, Edward Davis
McGuffick, William
McKinnon, Angus
McLeod, John *H*
Noble, Arthur Morgan
Norton, Charles Willis
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Isaac Henry
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Russell, Richard William
Seeley, John Whitney
Shurtleff, George Augustus
Sink, Reuben Henry
Smith, James Webb
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Sperry, George Barker
Stone, William Henry
Swain, Cornelius
Swain, Joseph Henry
Thompson, Edward Rees
Tindall, Pleasant Hay
Wallace, Hamilton—66.

RESTORED:

Gersbacher, Joshua Barre—1

DIED:

Harrison, Norval
Lehe, Eugene
McPherson, Joseph Kennon—3

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....65	Died 3
Greeted..... 3	Now borne upon the roll.....66—69.
Restored..... 1—69.	

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

George Sinsabaugh, *T. Ill. Master*, August Wackerbarth, *Recorder*,
David Munroe Sutherland, *D. Ill. M.*, George Henry Habel, *Capt. of Guard*,
Arthur Brookman, *P. C. of Works*, John Francis Hughes, *Conductor*,
Walter Clements Durgin, *Treasurer*, Ambrogio Vignolo, *Steward*,
Edward Hall Miller, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme, *P. G. M.*,
Granville Quincy Stewart,
Robert Gilmore Cunningham,
August Wackerbarth,
Julius Brousseau,
Wm. Byron Scarborough.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Horace Bishop
Armstrong, George
Aylsworth, George Webb
Bagley, Charles Leland
Baldwin, Cornelius Vanoy
Barrow, Thomas Martin
Beckett, Wesley Wilbur
Bernard, Gustav Adolph George
Bicknell, John Dustin
Blackmer, Eli Tucker
Bosbyshell, William
Bradbeer, James *H*
Branch, John Franklin
Bresse, Phineas Wright
Brill, William
Brode, Alexander Charles
Brown, Charles Milton
Brown, John Alexander
Buchanan, James Alexander
Bulla, Robert Nelson
Bullis, Omri
Burr, Charles Martin
Burr, John
Campbell, Alfred Quincy
Campbell, John Mis
Cannon, John Stevens
Cave, Daniel
Chase, Lucius Kurtz
Colbert, Patrick
Conradi, Simon
Courey, Nathaniel Parrish
Crawford, James Seth
Cummings, William George
Cunningham, Frank R.
Cunningham, John Calvin
Davis, Harvey
Dixen, Willis Milner
Dornfield, Ferdinand Emil
Drain, John Hamilton
Drake, James Frederick
Drought, Robert
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry
Ennis, Charles L.
Fairchild, John Anthony
Field, Benjamin Franklin
Fiscus, Joseph
Folsom, Niles Rathbone
Fordham, Milton Cephas
Foshay, James *A*
Fraisher, Robert Love
Frary, Leander Warren
Garthside, Joseph Relton
Geohegan, Harry
Glass, Henry
Goehring, John George
Gotthelf, David
Grubb, Oscar Edwin
Guthrie, Churchill Philip

Guthrie, Finis Wm.
Hanselman, John Wesley
Hart, Alexander Hamilton
Hart, Frank John
Haskell, John Condit
Henderson, Andrew
Herr, George Frederick
Herron, Rufus Hills
Holland, Lamson Thomas
Howry, Charles DeForrest
Hubbard, Wm. Lewis
Illich, Gerolomo
Jacobi, Louis
Jacobs, Lewis
Jones, Mark *G*
Jordan, Franklin
Jeffries, Wm. Parrish
Jeffries, William Thomas
Keith, George Frank
Kemper, Singleton Thomas
Kingsley, Amos
King, John
Knickerbocker, Niles
Langdon, Frederic Sylvestor
Lawrance, Joseph Martin
Levy, Michael
Lloyd, Charles
Long, James William
Louis, Emanuel *J*
Lovett, William Watson
Ludlow, George Watson
Maier, Simon
Mark, Ralph Edwin
Martin, Julius Herbert
Mathewson, John Luther
McAllister, Frank Allister
McAllister, James Pinkerton
McClurkin, Wm. John
McFie, Wm. Thomas
Mead, Charles Abiel
Medina, John Blancarte
Merrill, Joseph Lane
Merwin, Andrew Homer
Meserve, Frank Pierce
Meyer, Samuel
Miller, John McCalmont
Moore, Thomas Edward
Morgan, Addison
Morgan, William Adams
Morris, John Wood
Mott, Albert Clark
Murphy, Claire Warren
Owens, Madison Townsand
Paul, John Rink
Parker, Francis Marion
Pease, Niles
Pease, Sherman
Pendell, Charles Elisha
Perry, John Sargent
Pfaffinger, Frank Havier
Polaski, Lewis
Porter, Lafayette Seward
Poundstone, Jacob
Powers, Edward Everett
Preston, Jasper Newton
Renfro, Alva D.
Rockwell, Lorenzo Anson
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Rolfe, Horace Cowen
Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Rule, Fred Kennett
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Santee, Milton
Scheerer, Conrad
Schmidt, Fred William Theodore
Sexton, Charles Wesley
Skyrine, George Washington
Smith, Charles Alton
Smith, Henry Augustus
Spence, William Glenn
Spinks, Wallace Humphrey
Stephens, Wm. Dennison
Strassburg, Edward
Strohm, Thomas
Suits, Elihu Daniel
Urmston, John Kreck
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Varcoe, George
Variel, Robert Henry Fauntelroy

Vawter, Edwin James
Vetter, Louis Fisher
Walker, Daniel Henry
Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Watson, George Samuel
Wheeler, Horace Marcellus
Wheeler, Emanuel Randolph
Willet, Charles Joseph
Whitson, Levi Henry
Williams, Romayne
Willis, Frank Rominar
Wood, Charles Modini
Worsham, William Graham
Young, John William—176.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Burr, William Orange
Henderson, William Hutchinson
Lambie, William Thomas
Wilson, Thomas Jonathan—4

DIED:

Davis, Harvey
Dole, John Henry
Hinds, George
Variel, Joshua Hutchins—4

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	134	Suspended for N. P. D	4
Greeted	44	Died	4
Affiliated	5	Now borne upon the roll	176—184.
Restored	1—184		

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, fifth Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Alexander Britton, *Th. Ill. M.*, Amasa Wright Bishop, *Recorder*,
Edmund C. Robinson, *D. Ill. M.*, Geo. Henry Smith, *C. of G.*,
Edward Harrison Morgan, *P. C. W.*, Chas. Herbert Cowell, *Conductor*.
William Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*, Patrick Cahill, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett,
James Bestor Merritt,
William Frank Pierce,
Edward Harrison Morgan,
Webb Nicholson Pearce,
Edwin Allen Sherman,
Eugene Cormeny,
William Clay Smith,
Robert Edgar,
Amasa Wright Bishop,
August Lewis Ott,
Damien Edmont Fortin,
Albert H. Merritt.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ames, George Spencer
Bice, John
Bradley, John Tilford
Breed, Arthur Hastings
Brown, Lewis Henry
Burnham, Charles Franklin
Burrell, Alfred William
Crellin, Thomas Arthur
Crooks, John Chisholm
Dalton, Henry Philip
Davis, Lucien Dwight
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
Douglass, Charles Henry
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Ely, Ralph Asahel
Emigh, Thos. Powell
Evers, John Henry
French, Robert Elsworth
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor
Goodman, George
Graham, Francis Elmer
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gregory, Calvin Levi
Gunn, Adam Francis
Hahn, Henry Casper
Hale, William Elmer
Hamilton, William Thomas
Handy, Brayton Everington
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Hewes, Charles Leslie
Hewes, Charles Wesley
Hill, Otis
Hunt, Clarence Melville
Kales, Martin William
Kendall, Alpheus
Koser, Newton Alexander
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Martin, John
Mauzy, Byron
McClymonds, John William
Meek, Horry Wert
Meek, William Elsworth
Metcalf, George Dickson
Michaels, Henry
Morris, Moses
Nutting, Charles Wilber
O'Donnell, Francis Henry E.
Owens, Wm. Henry Searls
Parsons, Thomas *J*
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall
Payne, George Henry
Perkins, Alfred Thomas
Phillips, John Waterman
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Robbins, Henry Russell
Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Schleuter, Herman F.
Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Spreckels, Richard
Stone, Andrew *L*
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Twombly, Charles Henry
Vorhees, Fred Duane
Wall, Joseph George
Walsh, Edward Marion
Webster, Leander Rankin
Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Williamson, Willard Forsyth
Williams, John
Woodin, Eugene
Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablonsky, John—93.

DIED:

Fletter, Freeborn *J*
Lamoureaux, Phillis Henry—2

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Baldwin, Robert Oliver
Beckwith, John *A*
Cary, Amzi *B*
Clift, Frederick Charles
Randall, Charles Wells
Samson, Martin Meyer
Sears, Herman *B*
Stone, Louis *S*
Taylor, Albert Mills—9

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....96
Greeted ..... 8—104.
Suspended for N. P. D..... 9
Died 2
Now borne upon the roll....93—104.

GATEWAY COUNCIL, No. 13.

Auburn, Placer County.

Stated meetings, third Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Gould Bisbee, *Th. Ill. Master*, David Wlademer Lubeck, *Recorder*,
John M. Fulweiler, *Dep. Ill. Master*, Alexander K. Robinson *C. of Guards*,
William Albert Crowell, *Prin. C. W.*, Johnathan Fulton, *Cond'r*,
John Chisholm, *Treasurer*, William Isaac May, *Steward*,
John Coleman Safford, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Jacob Hart Neff, John Gould Bisbee.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ackerman, Francis Marion
Bell, Joseph Vincent
Brown, Edmund Doyle
Coombs, William
Curtis, Henry Chittenden
Delano, Ira Lemuel
Disque, Henry
Gladding, Albert James
Jansen, Walter
Lardner, William Bransen
Lininger, Michael David
Martin, Charles
McAnnich, John
Nichols, Wm. I.
Rooney, Robert Fleming
Smith, Benjamin Franklin
Sparks, William Martin
Stevenson, Thomas
Todd, Thomas Milton
Woodard, Jno. Carlton—32.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....27
Greeted. ..... 5—32.
Now borne upon the roll.....32.

SANTA ANA COUNCIL, No. 14.

Santa Ana, Orange County.

Stated Meetings, third Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Hedges Hall, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Akerman Whidden, *Recorder*,
James Deane Wilder, *Dep. Ill. M'ter*, Max Reinhaus, *C. of Guards*,
Robert Lee Bisby, *Prin. C. W.*, James William Towner, *Conductor*,
Robert Francis Chilton, *Treasurer*, Austin Abram Gamble *Steward*,
John Saxton Haywood, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Master:

James William Towner.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ball, Charles Dexter
Bowers, Addison Crockett
Bundy, Milton John
Buss, Edwin Dumont
Buck, John Henry
Clark, George Crook
Cotter, James Stapleton
Deyoe, Frederick Theodore
Diers, Henry
Edelman, Charles
Frampton, George Reed
Gildermacher, Joseph
Griffiths, George Whitefield Jr.
Hill, Samuel
Holgate, Schofield
King, James William
Medlock, James Randolph
McCarric, Franklin
Preble, George Edward
Reinhaus, Julius
Richardson, Erwin Ellsworth
Weeks, George Warren
Wood, William Bell—33.

DIED:

Lehman, William Henry—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....33	Died..... 1
Greeted..... 1—34.	Now borne upon the roll.....33—34.

GRAND COUNCILS

IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

With Addresses of Grand Recorders.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorders.	Residence.
ALABAMA,	H. CLAY ARMSTRONG,	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS,	JAMES A. HENRY,	Little Rock.
CANADA,	SIDNEY J. SANFORD,	Barrie.
COLORADO,	THOMAS C. SHEARS,	Denver.
CONNECTICUT,	JAMES MCCORMICK,	Hartford.
ENGLAND AND WALES,	C. F. MATIER,	Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen St., London, W.C.
FLORIDA,	JOHN CARLOVITZ,	Milton.
GEORGIA,	W. A. WOLIHIN,	Albany.
ILLINOIS,	GIL. W. BARNARD,	Chicago.
INDIANA,	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE,	Indianapolis.
INDIAN TERRITORY,	JOSEPH 3. MURROW,	Atoka.
KANSAS,	A. M. CALLAHAM..	Topeka.
KENTUCKY,	L. D. CRONINGER,	Covington.
LOUISIANA,	RICHARD LAMBERT,	New Orleans.
MAINE,	STEPHEN BERRY,	Portland.
MARYLAND,	GEORGE L. MCCAHAN,	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,	SERANUS BOWEN,	Boston.
MICHIGAN,	JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,	Coldwater.
MINNESOTA,	THOMAS MONTGOMERY,	St. Paul.
MISSISSIPPI,	J.L. POWER,	Jackson.
MISSOURI,	WILLIAM H. MAYO,	St. Louis.
NEBRASKA,	WM. R. BOWEN,	Omaha.
NEW BRUNSWICK,	ROBERT MARSHALL,	St. John.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	GEORGE P. CLEAVES,	Concord.
NEW JERSEY,	CHARLES BECHTEL,	Trenton.
NEW YORK,	GEORGE VAN VLIET,	16 Eighth Avenue, New York City.
NORTH CAROLINA,	JAMES C. MUNDS,	Wilmington.
OHIO,	WILLIAM E. EVANS,	Chillicothe.
OREGON,	SETH L. POPE,	Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA,	JOSHUA L. LYTE,	Lancaster.
RHODE ISLAND,	WILLIAM R. GREENE,	Providence.
SCOTLAND,	ROBERT S. BROWN,	5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.
SOUTH CAROLINA,	ZIMMERMAN DAVIS,	Charleston.
TENNESSEE,	WM. A. CLENDENING,	Nashville.
VERMONT,	WARREN G. REYNOLDS,	Burlington.
WASHINGTON,	EDWARD R. HARE,	Tacoma.
WISCONSIN,	JOHN W. LAFLIN,	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. COUNCIL U. S.,	HENRY W. MORDHURST,	Fort Wayne, Ind.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of Other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Colorado	Jacob H. Neff	Colfax.
Connecticut	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
Georgia	Robert Ash	San Francisco.
Illinois	*——— ———	———.
Indiana	William Hewson Davis,	Sacramento.
Indian Territory	William Hewson Davis	Sacramento.
Kansas	Henry Ascroft	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Minnesota	*——— ———	———.
Missouri	George Penlington	San Francisco.
Nebraska	*——— ———	———.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
North Carolina	William Hewson Davis	Sacramento.
Ohio	Wm. Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
Rhode Island	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.

*Deceased

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	*	
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Colorado	Colain E. Reed	Denver.
Connecticut	Alexander B. Shumway	Litchfield.
Georgia	Christopher F. Lewis	Augusta
Illinois	John A. Ladd	Sterling.
Indiana	Orlando W. Brownback	Pendleton.
Indian Territory	Jabez H. Mann	McAllster, Choctaw Nation.
Kansas	Robert E. Torrington	Wechita.
Kentucky	James Dysart Lewis	Louisville.
Louisana	Samuel Manning Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland.
Maryland	Albert Benedict Lyman	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Eugene H. Richards	Boston.
Michigan	Bayard A. Church	St. Louis.
Minnesota	W. A. Spaulding	Minneapolis.
Missouri	Thomas Seal	St. Louis.
Nebraska	Edwin A. Allen	North Loup.
New Hampshire	John F. Maynard	Ashland.
New Jersey	John M. Knapp	Ridgewood.
New York	Theodore H. Barber	Syracuse.
North Carolina	W. F. Randolph	Asheville.
Ohio	Edwin Morrell	Columbus.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	Reuben E. Taft	Titusville.
Rhode Island	Robert S. Franklin	Newport.
South Carolina	John R. Allen	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Vermont	George W. Wing	Montpelier.

*Deceased

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council June 26, A. Dep. 2860.

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS, ... *Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JAMES LDWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ... *Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUR, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Grand Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN ASHBY TUTT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

*ISAAC SUTVENE DAVIS, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1868.

*Joseph Isaacs,.....*Grand Master;*
Frederick Ferdinand Barss,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*William Franklin Knox,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Stephen Wing,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

Frederick Ferdinand Barss,.....*Grand Master;*
*Stephen Wing,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*Leonard Goss,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Thomas Kyle,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

*Stephen Wing,.....*Grand Master;*
Thomas Kyle,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

Thomas Kyle,.....*Grand Master;*
William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Grand Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Edmund Taylor Wilkins,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Wm. Monroe Petrie,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
William Monroe Petrie,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Master;*
William Monroe Petrie,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Edward Richards Hedges,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1879.

EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARD HEDGES,.....*Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1886.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1891.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ...*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1892.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1893.

*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1894.

GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1895.

CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, ...*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1896.

WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1897.

HENRY ASCROFT, ...*Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1868.

ROBERT ASH, ... *Grand Master;*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JACOB HART NEFF, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1869.

AUGUST WACKERBARTH, ... *Grand Master;*
JACOB HART NEFF, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WM. B. SCARBOROUGH, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT

of

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of R.·. and S.·. M.·. of California :—

I herewith respectfully present my Seventh Annual Report on Fraternal Correspondence for the year ending April 1899.

There has been so much of great interest to the Cryptic Rite that has transpired in nearly every Grand Jurisdiction since my last report was made, that while having the admonition to cut it short on account of our limited treasury, I could do no less than give what is here presented, not exceeding in matter what was printed last year. Another year, and the Grand Council of California will celebrate its Fortieth Anniversary, on the 26th day of June, 1900, or two months and fourteen days after the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of California, which will occur on April 19th, 1900, on the very day of our next Annual Assembly, which will be held on that date unless some other day be appointed by this Grand Council so that it will not interfere with that Celebration. In view of the Fortieth Anniversary of this Grand Council occurring next year, I would recommend that the Committee on Correspondence also be required to present a brief review or historic sketch of this Grand Council with its report at that time, the year of so many Semi-Centennials in California—that of the Grand Lodge, that of the Admission of the State into the Union, and others of interest in the closing year of the Nineteenth Century.

The proceedings of the following Grand Councils have been received and reviewed,—which are all that have come to hand:—

*Alabama	1859	Mississippi	1898
Arkansas	1997	New Hampshire	1897
Colorado	1898	New Jersey	1899
Connecticut	1898	New York	1898
England and Wales	1898	North Carolina	1898
Illinois	1898	Ohio	1898
Indiana	1898	Oregon	1898
Kansas	1898	Pennsylvania	1898
Louisiana	1898	Rhode Island	1896, 1897, 1898
Maine	1898	Tennessee	1899
Michigan	1899	Vermont	1898
Minnesota	1898	Wisconsin	1898
Missouri	1898		

* Alabama for 1859 is reviewed on account of its historic relation to *California* Council, No. 2, which it chartered as No. 38, *Yreka Council*, No. 39, and *Sierra Nevada* Council, No. 40, in this State.

No other proceedings of Grand Councils have been received.

ALABAMA.

1859.

As this is the quadrennial year of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of California, and as we have no recent proceedings of one of the Mother Grand Councils of Cryptic Masonry—that of Alabama, which created Councils of Royal and Select Masters in this State, for the preservation of history, we take the following excerpts from the address of *M.·. P.·.* Comp. H. S. SHELTON, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Alabama, delivered at the Twenty-second Annual Assembly at the Masonic Hall in the city of Montgomery, on Thursday, December 8th, 1859, and for the proceedings of that year we are greatly indebted to *Ill.·.* Comp. H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, Grand Recorder. It will be remembered that *California* Council received its dispensation from the Grand Council of Alabama, granted December 27, 1857; was organized February 20, 1858; Charter granted December 10, 1858, as *California* Council, No. 38, R. & S. M. and its returns in 1859 showed 89 members on the roll, with A. HOLLUB *T.·. I.·. M.·.* and GEORGE W. BAKER Recorder. The Grand Master in his address said:—

"During the past year I have granted two dispensations to Companions in California—one to *Yreka* Council No. 39, at Yreka, Siskiyou County, and one to *Sierra Nevada* Council No. 40, at Placerville, El Dorado County. These Councils now under dispensations doubtless will make their report to you in due time. If from any cause they should be prevented from making the same promptly, you can make such provisions for them as you may deem best to their interest.

"It may not be improper for me to say in this connection that our sister State of California has attained her majority, and is now able to set up for herself in the world. I would suggest that this is better in every way. Their Councils, to remain under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, are so far away from the seat of this Grand Council that their interest cannot be fully represented here, as they themselves would desire. They on this account may suffer, or imagine that they suffer, and find in any oversight of ours, however innocent it may be, cause for disquiet and complaint. It is impossible, situated as they and we are, that they can enjoy the privileges and share the good intended to be subserved by a Grand Council. The incubus under which they labor can only be removed by their establishing a Grand Council of their own, and take under their own control the interest and operations of R. and S. Council Masonry in their State. No one will rejoice more than we to see the purple banner of independence floating at the mast-head of their beautiful little bark. Let them file and publish their declaration of independence, and none will be swifter than we to hail their rising empire and greet their annual proceedings in the Royal Courts of Masonry over which their banner may extend, with a hearty welcome."

There was no iron-clad oath referred to in that address.

Ill.·. Comp. DANIEL SAYRE, the Grand Recorder, in his report makes mention of the dispensations granted to Councils in California, and in December, 1859, gives credit for $40.00 each to *Yreka* Council No. 39 and *Sierra Nevada* Council No. 40, for fees paid for dispensations, and *California* Council No. 38, for $44.50 as dues accompanying the returns.

We are sorry that we have no proceedings of the Grand Council of Alabama for either 1897 or 1898 to review, and if it has ceased to exist we are glad to have saved the foregoing from the ruins.

ARKANSAS.

We have not received the proceedings of the Grand Council of Arkansas for 1898. In 1897 it adopted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the suspension of a Companion in a Royal Arch Chapter for non-payment of dues only, shall not work a forfeiture of his membership in any Council in this Jurisdiction.

This Grand Council may have gone further and extended it to the suspended Master Mason also, knocked the bottom out altogether and hung up the Nine Arches in the air like a row of horse-shoes or ladies' hairpins on a string, or a lot of ox-bows on a rail without a yoke, and if so, what a great suspension there must be. The cause perhaps may be that Masonry in that State has not much material to work upon, and all its *Capital* is *Little Rock*.

COLORADO.

1898.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Colorado met in fourth Annual Assembly at Masonic Temple, in the city of Denver, on September 23, 1898, A. Dsp. 2898, at 10 o'clock A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. THOMAS E. SHEARS, Grand Master presiding, and *R.·. I.·.* ERNEST LEE NEVE FOSTER, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are eight Councils with a membership of 273, of which seven were represented.

M.·. P.·. BRADFORD NICHOL cut the difficult knot with THOMAS SHEARS and acted the part of Rev. ISAIAH HUNTINGTON mentioned by us in a former review, healed the difficulty by proclaiming the Grand Council of Colorado as the legitimate daughter of the General Grand Council of the United States, and the Grand Council of Colorado can now exclaim: Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by Most Illustrious General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL of Tennessee, and all the clouds and blizzards that lowered down and whirled about Pike's Peak be in the swamps of the Wabash buried. Now are his brows bound with a loyal, fraternal wreath, interwoven with flowers cut with the Colorado SHEARS while the SWEET PEABODY will be found entwined with the GREENLEAF which form the Chaplet that encircles the head of our beloved Most Illustrious General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL.

We had the honor of receiving a personal letter from General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL, informing us in advance of his official proclamation of what had been done by him in placing the Grand Council of Colorado on a proper basis and in its place, in line with the other Grand

Councils of the National Jurisdiction. As this is a matter of great importance and may serve as a guide hereafter to prevent difficulty from arising we give the following account of restoration and re-organization of the Grand Council of Colorado, for it is a re-organization and a continuance of that Grand Council, and its proceedings for September 23, 1898, set forth that it was the fourth Annual Assembly held of that Grand Council, is a continuance of it, and is so declared by it, and the principle of self government asserted and maintained.

The following petition from six Subordinate Councils, duly signed by the three highest officers, attested by the Recorders under seal, was presented and acted upon.

CANON CITY, Colo., May 20, 1898.

Most Ill., Thos. E. Shears, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Colorado.

Most Ex. Sir and Companion:—

WHEREAS, to-wit, December 6, 1894, the representatives of several Councils of Royal and Select Masters located in Colorado did assemble in Convention in the city of Denver, Colorado, and

WHEREAS, said Convention of such representatives did then and there proceed to form and open a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Colorado, and did elect and did install the officers thereof, and

WHEREAS, certain organizations of Masons and sundry members of the Masonic fraternity believe the calling of said convention and the organization of said Grand Council to have been in some respects irregular, and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of every Cryptic Mason within the State of Colorado that no irregularity, or the semblance thereof, shall attach to their Masonic actions, whether the criticisms made are are based upon fact or fancy, and whether the acts complained of are real or imaginary.

THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, do hereby respectfully and fraternally request you to procure a dispensation from the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, for the purposes hereinafter expressed, and in pursuance of such dispensation call a convention of the representatives of all the Councils of Royal and Select Masters of Colorado, at such time and place as to you may appear best, for the purpose of healing and in all respects making regular the Grand Council of Colorado, and of healing and making regular all other matters and things in and about these matters complained of.

Submitted to you in a truly sincere and fraternal spirit.

M.·. Ill.·. Grand Master THOMAS E. SHEARS upon receipt of the foregoing addressed the following communication to the *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL.

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF COLORADO, GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE,

DENVER, COLO., June 29, 1898.

M.·. P.·. BRADFORD NICHOL, *General Grand Master, the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America:*

Most Puissant Sir and Companion:—

I have the honor and the pleasure of informing you that all of the Chartered Councils of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Colorado,

being those that acknowledge the authority of the Grand Council of Colorado as well as those who only acknowledge the authority of the August Body over which you preside, have united upon what they believe will be, and what they sincerely desire may be, a means toward ending the trouble and discord that has unfortunately existed between Colorado and the General Grand Council of the United States. In taking the action to which I allude, the Companions on either side do not wish it to be understood that they have changed their views as to the right or wrong of their past actions, nor their belief in the sincerity of purpose, honesty and purity of motive of those who represented them in the organization of the body whose regularity has been questioned, but rather that they intend to sink all personal feeling and do that which now appears to them will best subserve the interests of Cryptic Masonry in their own State, if not through the United States.

To bring the matter into shape for action *Cañon City* Council, No. 5, of the G. G. C. allegiance, addressed a petition to the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Colorado. This petition has since been approved and endorsed by all of the constituted Councils of the State, and is herewith submitted as my authority for making the request that follows.

In answer to the prayer of that petition I would most respectfully ask that a dispensation be granted to hold a convention in the manner and for the purposes set forth in the petition, and that the necessary commission for a Deputy to constitute the Grand Council of Colorado, together with such other authority as may be necessary to complete and make perfect the work, be sent at the same time.

I believe that it is the wish of the Companions that wherever it may be necessary to name a Companion in the documents asked for, that the name of THOMAS E. SHEARS be used if agreeable to you.

Trusting that this action and this request may meet with your approval and awaiting your valued advice,

I am, fraternally and courteously yours,

THOMAS E. SHEARS,
Grand Master.

To which he received the following reply :

THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE UNITED STATES, BRADFORD NICHOL GENERAL GRAND MASTER.

NASHVILLE, TENN., July 4, 1898.

Companion T. E. Shears, Denver, Colo., Beloved Companion :—

Ignoring and disregarding everything in the past which may have been irregular, erroneous, ill time or seemingly so, and in view of the fact that there is now presented a respectful application breathing a most loving and fraternal spirit and duly adopted by all Subordinate Councils in the State of Colorado asking that a convention of all the Councils of Royal and Select Masters of said State be called for the purpose of an organization of the Grand Council and correcting and healing any irregularities that may have occurred since December 6, 1894.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power in me vested as the Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America. I do hereby issue said dispensation : THOMAS E. SHEARS, of *Denver* Council, No. 1, is hereby appointed our General Grand Deputy to carry out said request, and will at his earliest convenience, call said convention, giving due and timely notice to

every Council in said Jurisdiction. Having completed the labors assigned him, he will report results to the General Grand Recorder.

(Signed) BRADFORD NICHOL,
General Grand Master.

[SEAL.] Attest: HENRY W. MORDHURST,
General Grand Recorder.

It will be noticed that the General Grand Master did not commit himself or his position by recognizing Comp. THOMAS E. SHEARS as Grand Master. On receipt of his authority as General Grand Deputy, Comp. THOMAS E. SHEARS issued the following circular letter, not as General Grand Deputy, but as Grand Master of the existing Grand Council of Colorado, his commission and power as General Grand Deputy being held in reserve and abeyance.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF COLORADO, GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE,

DENVER, COLO., July 18, 1898.

To the Royal and Select Masters of the State of Colorado, and more especially to the Members of Denver Council, No. 1, Denver, Colo.; Rocky Mountain Council, No. 2, Trinidad, Colo.; Durango Council, No. 3, Durango, Colo.; Cañon City Council, No. 5, Cañon City, Colo.; Pueblo Council, No. 6, Pueblo, Colo.; Hiram Council, No. 7, Greeley, Colo.; and Zabud Council, U. D., Colorado Springs, Colo.—Greeting:

Companions:—

I have the honor to inform you, that, in answer to your petition of May 20, 1898, I respectfully asked the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of the United States of America to grant the documents necessary to carry out your wishes. It is with pleasure that I now convey the information to you, that the needed dispensation was granted on July 4, 1898, and was received by me on the 16th of July.

In answer to the further prayer of petition, and by virtue of the authority given me in the dispensation, I hereby call a convention of all of the several Chartered and Constituted Councils located in the State of Colorado, to meet on the 30th day of July, A. D., 1898, at 2:30 p. m., in the Council Room of *Denver* Council, No. 1, in the Masonic Temple on the corner of Sixteenth and Welton Streets.

Said convention to be for the purposes set forth in the petition of May 30, 1898, viz.: "Of healing and in all respects making regular the Grand Council of Colorado, and of healing and making regular all other matters and things in and about these matters complained of." And for such other lawful procedure as may best tend to the "Good of the Rite" in the State of Colorado. The several Councils will take due notice of this call and make arrangements to be represented by accredited delegates. A copy of this notice will be mailed to every Select Master in the State, so far as I can obtain the address; and I desire to say to each of you, that your presence at this meeting is most fraternally solicited.

Fraternally,
THOMAS E. SHEARS,
Grand Master.

CONVENTION HELD.

There were present the following Companions :

HENRY APPLE, BYRON L. CARR, ED. E. CLARKE, J. E. CRELLIN, ERNEST LEE NEVE FOSTER, LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF, EDMUND W. HATHAWAY, M. HODGSON, J. C. JOHNSON, THOMAS LINTON, J. M. MEALES, J. P. MERTEL, JOSEPH W. MILSOM, JAMES H. PEABODY, WILLIAM D. PIERCE, WILLIAM W. QUINN, GEORGE ROBERTS, CALVIN E. REED, THOMAS E. SHEARS, J. H. SMIDLAP, CROMWELL TUCKER, J. B. WESTHAVER and T. J. ZOLLARS.

The convention was called to order in the Council Room of *Denver* Chapter, No. 1, in Denver, Colorado, on July 30, A. D., 1898, A. Dep. 2898, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., by the Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Colorado, *M.·. Ill.·.* THOMAS E. SHEARS, acting as General Grand Master of the United States of America, who then read the foregoing letter and reply.

Comp. ERNEST LEE NEVE FOSTER was chosen as Recorder of the Convention.

A Committee on Credentials was appointed, including the Recorder as Chairman, with Comps. JAMES H. PEABODY and LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF, which met and reported those present from the several Councils and entitled to seats as delegates, which report was received and adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Companion JAMES H. PEABODY and adopted :

"That a committee of three, consisting of Comps. CALVIN E. REED, JOSEPH W. MILSOM and WILLIAM D. PIERCE, be appointed to formulate all material matters concerning this convention."

Said committee made the following report :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To the Convention of Delegates representing the Councils of Royal and Select Masters of Colorado :—

The undersigned committee, to whom was referred the task of formulating all matter material to the work concerning this convention, respectfully report the following :

1st. That the temporary organization of this convention be made permanent.

2d. For the purpose of healing and in all respects making regular the existing organization and proceedings of the Grand and Subordinate Councils of Colorado, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Colorado be now, and is hereby organized as a constituent Grand Council of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America. That the existing constitution and by-laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Colorado be, and is hereby ratified, approved and adopted, excepting the last sentence of Section 7, Article 1, which reads as follows :

This section to become operative only on this Grand Council becoming a constituent of the General Grand Council of the United States. That

the Grand Officers elected and appointed at the last Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Colorado, held on September 24, 1897, be, and are hereby declared to be, the elected and appointed officers of this Grand Council, to serve until the next Annual Assembly, or until their successors are elected and installed. That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Colorado, and all its acts and doings as such, together with its records and proceedings from and including the date of its organization on December 6, 1894, to the present time, be, and the same is hereby ratified and approved, healed and declared in all respects regular, and that the action, proceedings and work of *Denver* Council, No. 1, *Rocky Mountain* Council No. 2, *Durango* Council, No. 3, *Cañon City* Council, No. 5, *Pueblo* Council, No. 6, and *Hiram* Council, No. 7, be, and is hereby ratified, approved, healed and declared in all respects regular.

That the consecutive numbering of the Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Colorado be continued and that this organization be declared in all respects a continuation of the organization of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Colorado, organized on December 6, 1894, and now a constituent of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.

3d. Declaration of the General Grand Deputy, declaring organization of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, as a constituent of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, complete.

CALVIN E. REED,
JOSEPH W. MILSOM,
WILLIAM D. PIERCE,
Committee.

Comp. THOMAS J. ZOLLARS moved that the report be received and adopted as a whole, which was unanimously carried.

M.·. I.·. Comp. THOMAS E. SHEARS, as the Deputy of the General Grand Master of the United States, then made proclamation that the Grand Council of the State of Colorado was regularly organized and constituted on this 30th day of July, A. D., 1898, A. Dep. 2898, and all acts of said Grand Council and its subordinates done on and since December 6, 1894, were healed, ratified and confirmed.

Comp. THOMAS J. ZOLLARS then moved, and it was adopted, that "it is the sense of this convention that it is proper and right for the Grand Master of Colorado to issue a Charter to *Colorado Springs* Council at Colorado Springs, El Paso County, when they surrender the dispensation of the General Grand Master under which they are at present acting.

M.·. Ill.·. THOMAS E. SHEARS, Deputy of the General Grand Master of the United States of America, then declared the convention closed and its labors completed.

THOMAS E. SHEARS,
Deputy of the General Grand Master of the U. S. A.

Attest: ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, Recorder.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Colorado then met in fourth Annual Assembly at Masonic Temple, in the city of Denver, September 23, 1898, A. Dep. 2898, at 10 o'clock A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. THOMAS E. SHEARS, Grand Master presiding, and *Ill.·.* ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form. The necessary preliminaries having been performed, the minutes of the convention of July 30, 1898, A. Dep. 2898, were read and confirmed. After appointing the various standing committees the Grand Master delivered the following address which is here given nearly in full.

ADDRESS.

Illustrious Companions:—

In welcoming you to the Fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Colorado, I am deeply impressed by the fact that this is the first Annual Assembly at which all of the Constituted Councils in the State have been in harmony, so that all of the Councils are united in the bonds of fellowship, and the same spirit of fraternal accord now exists among our members, as Cryptic Masons, that has always existed between them as members of other Masonic bodies.

It is a condition that we have looked forward to with longing eyes, and I assure you that I greatly appreciate the high honor that has fallen to my lot in being the one privileged to greet you under such circumstances.

In view of the relief experienced from our present condition it might be well to forget the past, and not refer to it in any way; but as it is required of the Master that he give an account of the occurrences of the year, so that the Councils through their representations may sift out what may be of future value to the Craft, I will, in doing so, refer to the past in as few words as to me may be possible.

One year ago, when you saw fit to elect me to this high office, we expected that before a month passed by our troubles would be ended, and that we would come into fraternal relations with all bodies of Cryptic Masonry in the United States. I therefore looked forward to visiting each Council and to being able to organize new Councils. As my business would take me frequently throughout the State, I expected to visit each Council several times, and hoped that it might be my privilege to aid in materially increasing our numbers and in getting every Council uniform in the ritual. The month passed, and we found ourselves in a worse position, if anything, than we were before. I have, therefore, to report that I did not make the visits as intended, and that no Councils have been organized U. D.

In October I attended the sessions of the General Grand Chapter of the United States as proxy for one of the officers of the Grand Chapter of Colorado. I did not visit the General Grand Council which met at the same place and on the day preceding, although the usual resolution inviting visitors was passed; I felt that the General Grand Council could not and probably would not receive me as a visitor from an Independent Jurisdiction, and I could not admit that I was from a Subordinate Council to the General Grand Council. No special invitation was given that would relieve me from this embarrassment, and I therefore remained without the entrance to the S. V. I endeavored, so far as possible, to let it be known that I would be close at hand, and would give any information within my power, to any committee or individual member. I was not specially called upon, however, and met but one member of the committee to whom the Colorado matter was referred. I met this member but twice during the session; the first time he was not seeking me, and during our conversation no reference was made by him to any evidence that may have been before the committee. At the second meeting he came with a broad assertion, which, from my knowledge of the case, I had to oppose. At this

time he brought up but two things, viz: the claim that a letter written by the General Grand Recorder subsequent to December 6, 1894, had been garbled by the Grand Master of Colorado in his address to the First Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, and that it was with intent to deceive. The second was the claim that three letters had been written Comp. McGrew of Colorado, and that he denied receiving them. Two of these letters were said to have been written subsequent to the organization of December 6, 1894, and one some eight months preceding that date. This was all the information I received as to what evidence may have been placed before the committee, and I am no better informed at this time. I desire to say, however, that the officers and members of the General Grand Council that I had the pleasure of meeting, expressed only the greatest good will and fraternal feeling for the Select Masters of Colorado, and as confirming their expression they accorded me, as your representative, the utmost consideration and the kindest and most courteous treatment.

On my return to Colorado I was "all at sea" as to what was best to be done, and turned for advice to Companions to whom we look for wisdom and upon whose discretion we place the greatest dependence. Their advice was to the effect, "Do not be hasty. We laid open to the criticism once of having used undue haste, so go slow; wait." I adopted the advice, and it may account to the Companions for my silence during the early part of the year. In the meantime I looked into the conditions existing in Colorado and studied the situation to see whether a fight could be made. I had not experienced a change of heart as to the right or wrong of the action had on December 6th, 1894, and to be candid, I have not yet been converted; but to fight required a united and solid jurisdiction, and I found that the differences of opinion previously existing still remained; that the action of the General Grand Council had the effect of preventing us from organizing new Councils; that many of our adherents had become or were verging on lukewarmness, and that there was a strong probability of increased bitterness which would result from anticipated withdrawals to form new Councils U. D. from the General Grand Council. From my knowledge of the feelings of the General Grand Master, expressed to me at Baltimore, I felt sure that no dispensations would be issued, but that would not prevent the resulting divisions. I was therefore forced to the conclusion that but two things remained; one was to let the Councils die, with a consequent back-set to Cryptic Masonry for years in Colorado; or, to make concessions, and thereby reunite the Companions of Colorado.

At about this time I received an urgent and cordial invitation to visit the Companions at Cañon City and confer with them upon the situation. As this invitation came from those who had not recognized the organization of December 6th, 1894, I gladly availed myself of the opportunity presented, and on May 20th, 1898, I met the T. I. M., D. M., and P. C. W. of that Council. The result of that meeting was the petition which you have heard read as part of the proceedings of the Convention of July 30th. Receiving permission from them to use their petition as I might deem best, I immediately proceeded to place it before each of the other Councils in the State as expeditiously as was possible, and at the same time use the original for each case. It was my privilege to be able to be present at the meeting of each Council but one, when the matter was considered, and to explain the origin of the petition and what might be expected from it. Just previous to the meeting of May 20th I had written to the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, and his reply had encouraged me to believe that our matters could be arranged without undue humiliation, and I so assured the Companions of Colorado. The correspondence with the General Grand Master was almost entirely of a personal rather

than official character, and was due largely to a kind invitation given when I met him at Baltimore, and also to the impression then received that his every act and word was influenced by a heart in tune with the principles and teachings of Freemasonry. The petition being finally approved and adopted by all of the Councils, I sent it to the General Grand Master with a request for all necessary documents. The wording of the request you have had as a portion of the convention minutes.

On July 16th I received the dispensation, and on July 18th I issued a call for a convention to be held at Denver on July 30th. The wording of the call you also have as a part of the convention records.

The convention met as per call; its action you have had related to you in the minutes you have but just approved. On August 2d, 1898, I forwarded to the General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council a full and complete copy of those minutes and a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws. On August 18th, 1898, I received the following General Circular:—

THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE UNITED STATES.

GENERAL CIRCULAR No. 2.

NASHVILLE, TENN., AUG. 8, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters:—

BELOVED:—

With undisguised pleasure and gratification we publish the following:—

On July 4th we received a request from every Council in Colorado asking that Dispensation be granted for purpose of formation of Grand Council of Colorado. On July 30th said Convention met in Denver, organized, adopted Constitution, elected Grand Officers, and ratified the Constitution of the General Grand Council, thereby becoming a constituent member of this General Grand Body.

We allude to the past differences to state that our Companions of Colorado, with a truly commendable Masonic spirit, threw aside every discordant opinion, and with a determination "to work and agree," entered into correspondence January last with your General Grand Master, and since in Convention rectified any and every irregularity which had in any manner crept into their jurisdiction. How well they and your General Grand Master have succeeded in removing errors, reproaches and animosities remains for you to prove. Companions, we commend them to your most cordial fraternal love and confidence. Let the past be remembered only to guide us in a happy, prosperous future.

BRADFORD NICHOL,
General Grand Master.

SEAL

Attest: HENRY W. MORDHURST,
General Grand Recorder.

This has peacefully and happily ended the Colorado trouble; and, Companions, with no desire to detract from any the credit to which he may be entitled, I yet wish to say that the great credit for this peaceful solution

is due only to the wisdom, tact and the great loving heart of BRADFORD NICHOL, who will henceforth forever be held in the love and the estimation of the Companions of Colorado as their Brother.

After giving an account of the condition of the Cryptic Rite in Colorado, and a statement of his official acts, he concludes his most admirable, manly, truthful and incisive address, cut deep into the stones of the Grand Secret Vault, as follows:

Before returning into your hands the authority with which you have so highly honored me, I desire to touch upon other matter, and I am emboldened to undertake it because I feel that you will not misunderstand my motives. I touch upon it because I believe it to be due to one whose only wish and every desire has been for the well-being and success of Cryptic Masonry in Colorado. He may have made mistakes, but who has not? I desire to touch upon the criticisms contained in the report made to the General Grand Council by its committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence at the Triennial Assembly. As strongly as I feel in this matter I would not touch upon it did I not believe that it was a mistake and that the Illustrious Companions were led into the mistake through a mass of matter laid before them without explanations from anyone, and without guide to the circumstances under which most of it was written. There are mistakes shown in the report which are patent to most Companions of Colorado. We know that if criticism was called for it should in justice have been leveled against all who had to do with the organization of December 6, 1894, and not upon any individual. Now that peace prevails, the matter can be entered upon at the proper time without feeling other than that of brotherly love and justice, and I have confidence in the Illustrious Companions of that committee to believe that they will gladly do justice. I believe then that it is the duty of the Grand Council of Colorado to see that the matter is taken up at the proper time, and the objectionable portions of that report either changed or removed from the record. And now, Companions, in closing I want to express to you my sincere appreciation of the brotherly consideration, kindness and help that I have received from each and all, but I find myself without the power or the words with which to express my feelings. I can only thank you and assure you that the memory of the past few months will ever remain with me as a green and restful spot on life's rugged pathway. I can wish for my successor no greater happiness than that his term may be made as easy and pleasant as mine has been through your thoughtful and brotherly consideration.

Fraternally,

THOMAS E. SHEARS,
Grand Master.

Those SHEARS cut to the line, and are evidently of Damascus steel. The Grand Council of Colorado maintained its true dignity and there was no humiliation or forced repentance, or any "iron-clad oath" required in becoming a constituent of the General Grand Council. It ratified and confirmed its three preceding Annual Assemblies which were not ignored by it as a Grand Council, nor was it created *de novo*. The General Grand Master, BRADFORD NICHOL, was the Parson ISAIAH HUNTINGTON over again, and he has endeared himself to every true, manly Companion throughout the United States, whether he is under his jurisdiction or not.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. JOHN HUMPHREYS was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER re-elected Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Address made report as follows, which was received and adopted:

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Colorado:—

Your Committee on Address respectfully report and recommend, to-wit:

1. That so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to this Grand Council becoming a constituent member of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America be approved.

2. That the portion thereof relating to the exchange of Grand Representatives be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

3. That the portion relating to Dispensations, Charters and Rituals be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

4. That the portion referring to Necrology be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

5. In conclusion your committee desires to congratulate the members of the Cryptic Rite in Colorado on the fact, that in this the fourth Annual Assembly, all of the constituted Councils in the Jurisdiction are consolidated, and for this happy fellowship and fraternal union, much credit, sincere and heartfelt thanks are due, and hereby tendered to our *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and loyal Companion, THOMAS E. SHEARS.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN HUMPHREYS,
J. C. SANFORD,
JOS. W. MILSOM,
Committee.

In August, 1898, we received the following complimentary letter from the General Grand Master, *M.·. P.·.* Comp. BRADFORD NICHOL, which we here insert:—

THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE UNITED STATES, BRADFORD NICHOL, GENERAL GRAND MASTER.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Aug. 2, 1898.

M.·. I.·. E. A. Sherman:—

My Friend and Companion:—Admit a surprise at the reception of this communication. I cannot forbear writing you, after a careful perusal of proceedings of G. C. of Cal. 1898, this day received. I note with pleasure your frequent allusions to me, and what "*you would do if.*" I fully appreciate the peculiar predicament I found myself in when preferred by the Gen. Gr. Council, and straightway went about rectifying the matter in a business-like but *fraternal*, liberal spirit; and now, dear Companion, I am enabled to inform *you* (the 1st Companion in these U. S.), of the result.

My *Special* Gen. Gr. Deputy, T. E. SHEARS, of Denver, Colo., and I opened up correspondence, and through the efforts *of all* parties in Colo. a full and complete reconciliation has been accomplished. Comp. PEABODY, of Cañon City, Colo., drafted an instrument covering all the special and general outlines of action. This paper was adopted unanimously by every Council in that State. A petition was sent me asking for Dispensation to organize, heal and reconcile. It was granted. The Convention was held July 30, at Denver. A Grand Council formed and admitted into the Gen. Gr. Council, U. S.

Now what say you? Did I meet your requirements?—or shall I yet go to Colorado?

The position I hold would have, in the usual course of events, been held by my dear friend and Companion, HENRY SAYRE OBME, of Los An-

geles, only he absented himself from Gen. Gr. meetings, and so unworthy *I* was promoted in his stead.

Accept the love and fraternal regard of your unknown Companion,

Your Gen. Gr. Master,

BRADFORD NICHOL.

Having been thus honored by receiving the above letter, which was a great surprise, we replied to it in appropriate terms, and congratulated him upon the success of his efforts; also paid a proper tribute to the State of Tennessee, which gave to California three of its Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, *M.·. W.·.* WILLIAM H. HOWARD, *M.·. W.·.* N. GREENE CURTIS, and *M.·. W.·.* GILBERT B. CLAIRBORNE and *R.·. W.·.* TOWNSEND A. THOMAS, Deputy Grand Master of California, as also of Tennessee, and which, by the efforts of the latter, the Grand Council of Tennessee granted the first Charter of a Council of Royal and Select Masters in California—which is *Sacramento* Council No. 1, at Sacramento.

To mark the event, and as an appreciation of his success, the Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast elected him an Honorary Member of that organization, for having so successfully restored peace in Colorado, which is a part of its jurisdiction, and sent him the badge of Honorary Membership, to which he replied as follows:—

THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE UNITED STATES, BRADFORD NICHOL GENERAL GRAND MASTER:

NASHVILLE, TENN., August 23, 1898.

M.·. Ill.·. E. A. Sherman:—

My Dear Companion:—Yours of August 8th received. To express myself in suitable language for the unusual amount of thanks, congratulations, etc., verily, is a task I am unequal to. I did try to do my best. *We* succeeded, all is well and everybody happy.

Your allusion to Tennessee's contribution to California Masonry is gratifying. May you never live to regret preferring my humble self a member of your veteran association. I cannot tell you how I prize the courtesy.

I was so pleased with your letter I read it to a Companion here, and on my attending my Council, *Nashville*, No. 1, last Thursday night, the Thrice Illustrious Master called on me and requested that I produce said letter, and give them the benefit of its contents. After consideration, I stated that a portion of it was strictly private, otherwise I felt as a child of *Nashville* Council, any kindly spoken words were their property. Upon unanimous request I read it, whereupon they, by a rising vote, requested a copy to be spread upon the minutes that future occupants might see how greatly honored our Council had been in the precious words of Companion SHERMAN. * * * Trust we may become yet faster friends.

Yours fraternally,

BRADFORD NICHOL.

Since peace has been declared and Colorado has swung into line, and since, also, writing of Cryptic affairs in that State, we have learned the

following, which appeared in the San Francisco *Chronicle* of April 9th, and which is so important we here insert the same as a part of this Report:—

"Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry above the clouds. This is the shibboleth of every Masonic Chapter in the West. Seven hundred and fifty candidates for degrees in Cryptic Rite Masonry are to be obligated on the top of Pike's Peak in August, and the Royal Arch Masons of Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Wyoming and Colorado propose to participate in the unique proceedings. In short, Colorado is to be besieged by Masons this summer. The mystic followers of King Solomon propose to swoop down upon the Centennial State in August and hold high carnival for ten days in Denver, Colorado Springs, Manitou, Cripple Creek and Victor. With the visitors will come more than 500 candidates for degrees in Cryptic Masonry. These will be joined by perhaps 250 Colorado candidates for the same degrees, and all are to be obligated in the beautiful council degrees on the top of Pike's Peak, or in Cheyenne Canyon, or in the Cave of the Winds, or in the Garden of the Gods, as the candidates themselves may prefer or their health permit.

"The first special trains, equipped with commissary cars and musicians and carrying hundreds of Royal Arch Masons from the different States named, together with the Grand Officers of Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas, and the General Grand Officers for the United States, all with their wives, daughters and sweethearts, will leave Kansas City on August 7th. The pilgrims will be met at Colorado Springs by the Grand Masonic Officers of Colorado, together with members of the Council of Royal and Select Masters holding their membership in the Grand Jurisdiction of Colorado. From Colorado Springs several side trips will be made. Cripple Creek and Victor will be visited, and the pilgrims there met with trumpet and band by the Masons of Colorado's 'twin golden wonders.' From Cripple Creek to Denver is next on the schedule, and from this city on to Georgetown and around the world-famed loop on the Colorado and Southern Railroad. Then back again to Denver, where the Masons of Colorado's capital city will meet the besiegers at the Union Depot and there bind them to Denver by the silken girdle of fraternal bonds. At the Union Depot the Masons, in full regalia, will be formed in marching columns and triumphantly escorted through the principal streets of the city.

"The entire expedition is to be under the management of EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, of Ellsworth, Kas., thrice Illustrious Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the work of the Grand Council of Kansas. Dispensations have been granted authorizing the *Ellsworth* Council, No. 9, of Royal and Select Masters, under the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas, to receive and ballot upon petitions, and to lead the 'pledglings' into the silent folds of Masonic brotherhood upon the top of Pike's Peak, in the Garden of the Gods, in the Cave of the Winds, or in Cheyenne Canyon—the candidates simply being obligated at the places named, while the degrees themselves are to be exemplified at Denver's magnificent Masonic Temple, with full paraphernalia. All Royal Arch Masons receiving the Council degree during this great Masonic carnival will have their Masonic home in in the council nearest their place of residence. An ostensible object of this pilgrimage is to build up an interest in Cryptic Rite Masonry in the various States participating, and to create enough Masons of this degree in Wyoming to form several councils of the Royal Select Masters in that State. A hundred or more candidates from Wyoming are expected to accompany the expedition.

"As a grand finale to the whole celebration an elaborate banquet will be tendered the visitors by the Masons of Denver at the Denver Masonic Temple. Speeches will be made at this banquet by many prominent Masons from other States, as well as of Colorado. Praises will here be sung of the brotherhood that, through all of the vicissitudes of the centuries, is believed to have guarded, protected and handed down its tenets in all their ancient perfection to the Masons of to-day. It will be one of the greatest Masonic lovefeasts ever held in the West, and the eulogies that were spoken by Masons in secret conclave, when the smoke of sacrifice arose to heathen gods among a people now vanished, and when war and bloodshed was the business of the world, will again be reiterated to ears just as willing and just as faithful. All railroads leading into Denver and Colorado Springs will grant special excursion rates for the occasion, and it is believed that several thousand visitors will participate in the ceremonies."

CONNECTICUT.

1898.

The eightieth Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Connecticut was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Hartford, on the 9th day of May, A. D., 1897, A. Dep. 2897, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M.

T.·. Ill.·. Comp. REUBEN H. TUCKER, *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master presiding, and *T.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES MCCORMICK, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twenty-one Councils with a membership of 3,498 on its rolls being an increase of 177 during the year. All the Councils were represented and *T.·. Ill.·.* Comp. A. B. SHUMWAY, the Representative of California, was also present.

The Grand Master extended a fraternal greeting to all present and invoked the Divine care of the Most Puissant Grand Master of the Universe upon the Companions for the future that had been graciously extended over them in the past.

In the matter of Dispensations frequently applied for he uses the following language, showing good, sound, common sense :

During the year I have had several petitions for Dispensation for various causes, mostly to allow the privilege of receiving applications other than at a regular Assembly, or to confer degrees on the same date as the application was received. Some of these I have granted where reasonable cause was shown, others I have deemed it best to refuse.

And here let me give a word of caution. All of our Councils have by-laws, and the Grand Council has its regulations, which we are all bound by, and are expected to conform to.

It can rarely be necessary that a candidate cannot wait a sufficient time, that the by-laws may be complied with, before he receives the honor conferred on him by the Order, without asking the Order to adjust itself to his wishes instead of he adjusting himself to our regulations.

And a candidate who will ask this privilege of the fraternity must consider himself some superior being that must be granted exalted rights of superiority.

He said that his visitations had been few, and mentions that on Thursday, June 10, 1897, in company with other Grand Officers, he visited *Franklin* Council, No. 3, at Norwich, and describes the work of the evening as follows :

The work of the evening was in all three degrees. The Council was officered by Past Thrice Illustrious Officers, headed by Companion ARTHUR H. BREWER, acting *T.·. I.·. M.*

The degrees were conferred on thirteen candidates, seven of whom belonged to *Cushing* Council of New London, Dispensation for that purpose being granted by your Grand Master, after consulting with his colleagues.

The principal cause for this Dispensation as set forth by *Franklin* Council being that they had laid out for a big time, and that there wasn't material enough in their Jurisdiction to satisfy them as to members, so they had borrowed the rest of New London county. The granting of a Dispensation to *Cushing* Council is referred to elsewhere.

As to the work done by *Franklin* Council we were informed by those whom we believe, that they do first-class work. On this occasion, as the Council was officered only by Past Officers, some of whom had not done work in years, *we could only judge by what we saw*, and that was excellent. A newspaper paragraph the following morning says : "Proper solemnity was observed throughout the work, especially so in that of the super-excellent Masters in which nearly all assisted, even the full band of twenty-three pieces."

In all some two hundred members were present.

The report of the Deputy Grand Master was, "That he had had a glorious time in his visitations, and a plenty of berries, traditional banquet and feast and a banquet again until he was filled full to the ninth arch.

The Thrice Illustrious Grand Master and of the Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Works also made reports of their visitations which exhibited great interest and care on their part in the inspection of the labors of the several Councils.

This Grand Council adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That any Cryptic Mason who has or may be stricken from the roll, in Lodge or Chapter, for non-payment of dues, shall, *ipso facto* be stricken from the roll of his Council.

That is justice, right, and common sense, and shows a true loyalty to the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Masons of that State and a proper regard for the obligation of a Royal and Select Master. It is the prevailing law in all the Bodies of Masonry of California.

The Report on Correspondence is by that genial, open-hearted and free handed Thrice Illustrious Companion, JOHN H. BARLOW, Past Grand Master, who reviews twenty-four Grand Councils in forty-eight pages, giving four pages to California for 1897, and quoting largely from our review of the Colorado embroglio that year in which he does us too much honor. He says :

"As is the custom in this jurisdiction, the correspondence report is sandwiched in the proceedings, and we find it in about the middle of the pamphlet. It is, as usual, by Companion EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, and in-

cludes the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils. He alludes at length to the Colorado matter, and seems to take both sides of the question. While denouncing their secession, as he terms it, he admires their spirit in resisting oppressive regulations. Space will allow us to copy only the closing portion.

It is evident that *T.·. Ill.·.* Comp. BARLOW's experiences have been confined entirely to civil life, and that he never served as Judge Advocate on a military court martial where the Judge Advocate has to present both sides of the case and equitably review the testimony, leaving the members of the court martial as a jury to make their decision.

We have endeavored to be just. "The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life." If we were a constituent member of the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Connecticut, as Companion BARLOW is, we probably might also lean somewhat towards the side taken by that independent Grand Council; but by our obligations assumed, we believe that as taught, Justice is a Divine attribute, in all things to be weighed and equally balanced upon the standard of the plumbline, and decisions to be made upon the level and square accordingly; and so we fully believe that Comp. Barlow is governed by the same principles and animated by the same spirit and sentiment. A man's heart is not midway of his breasts, for it would be in the way of his stomach, preventing the reception of food; nor are the lobes of his brain of equal size and weight; and if he wants to know how much his head is out of shape, let him go to a hatter and have it measured and the pattern taken, and he will see how one-sided it is, and he will wonder himself that he is able to think at all correctly, which he is only able to do bareheaded, if he is not bald, or when his cranium is tiled with an old hat.

But we are limited for space and must pass on.

M.·. P.·. EDGAR W. LATHAM, of Suffield, was elected Grand Master, and *T.·. I.·.* JAMES MCCORMICK, of Hartford, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

1898.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales met at Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen Street, W. C., on Thursday, March 10, 1898.

R.·. Ill.·. LOVELAND LOVELAND, Q. C., Deputy Grand Master presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* C. F. MATIER, P. D. G. M., Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Council was opened in form. There are twenty-three Subordinate Councils in this Jurisdiction which also includes India, China and other parts of the British Dominions, and only one-half of these are in active existence.

There was no address from the Grand Master and but the brief reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer to act upon, and all the

business done could have been transacted in half an hour. The Grand Recorder in his report of the progress of the Cryptic Rite stated the following;

"During the year ending 28th of February, 1898, eighteen certificates have been issued, making a total of 797 members registered.

"This number is not only much fewer than last year, but also much below the average, and it is hoped that some increased interest may be taken by those Councils, who during the past year, have been almost dormant.

"Our relations with the Sister Grand Councils continue on the most amicable and friendly footing.

"The Grand Master has been pleased to re-appoint *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND to be Deputy Grand Master.

"The Grand Master has the greatest pleasure in thanking all of his Grand Officers of the past year for their untiring efforts to promote the best interests of the Grand Council."

The Grand Treasurer made his report, which was approved, and was re-elected. No mention is made of the election of any other officer. The other officers all being appointed by the Grand Master. "By command of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, *Ill.·. R.·.* LOVELAND LOVELAND, invested the other Grand Officers."

The sum of ten guineas was voted *Ill.·.* Comp. C. F. MATIER, the Grand Recorder, for his services, for which he returned his thanks for this *material* compensation. The Grand Council was closed in due form with solemn prayer. After the meeting of the Grand Council, the degree of Royal Master was exemplified by the Grand Lecturer, assisted by the Grand Officers and several other Companions. A banquet was subsequently held at Freemason's Tavern under the presidency of the Deputy Grand Master.

As some of our Companions from Shasta, Marysville and other interior towns of California, as well as from San Francisco, may wish to take a trip to India in the near future, via the Philippine Islands, we here give the names of the Past Thrice Illustrious Masters and some of the other officers and members of *Calcutta* Council, No. 20, at Bengal, *P.·. T.·. I.·. M.·.* Comps. PROSONNO COOMAR DUTT, H. H., the Mahurajah of Cooch Behar, P. G. P. C. W., HEERJEBHOY MANUCKJEE RUSTOMJEE, JUGGUT CHUNDER BANERJEE, P. C. W., RUSTOMJEE HEERJERHOY MANUCKJEE RUSTOMJEE, Recorder, No. 5 Bentinch Street, Calcutta. Comps. NANABHOY ARDASIR SORABJEE JEEJEEBHOY, Sr., RADHICA PROSAD LAHIN, MIRZA MAHOMED MASOOM, CHARN CHUNDER MULLICK, JOGENDIA NATHA MULLICK, DWARKA NATH PUNDIT, BOLLEJE CHAND PYNE, CURSETJEE HEERJEBHOY MANACKJEE RUSTOMJEE, ATHAL COOMAR, Sen., NIL MADHUB CHATTERJEE, DARASHAW RUTTONJEE CHICHYM, COWASJEE, DADABHOY FRUDONJEE, the SHRIMNANT SAMPATRAS GAIKWAD KASHAIRS, ROOSTUMJEE DHUNJEEBHOY MEHTA, OKHIL CHUNDER MOOKERJEE, and others whose names will be easily remembered, and if not, then they should be written in ink and

not with pencil, for they might get India rubbered out. Those who are used to driving oxen will more readily remember these names, as they use the term "jee" so frequently to the team, that it *is on the tongue* and the *bhoys* understand the use of the gad and the prod, where Missouri revolvers are not now in vogue among the bull drivers of the present day. However, the *Jees* revere the letter G. "That hieroglyphic bright which only Craftsmen ever saw," and that is enough for you and me. Perhaps our English Companions may think that in these remarks we have put up a *Punjaub* upon them and we will quit at Lucknow.

ILLINOIS.

1898.

The Forty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois was held in the Masonic Temple, city of Chicago, on the 26th day of October, A. D. 1898. A. Dep. 2898, at 10 o'clock A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. SYLVESTER O. SPRING, Grand Master presiding, and *Ill.·.* GIL W. BARNARD keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 88 Subordinate Councils, with returns from only 38 Councils, with a membership of 2795, being a net gain of only 29 during the past year, 1897. Fifty Councils not reporting. The Nine Arches into which the "Sucker State" is divided seem to be in some places falling in.

The Grand Master in his address shows that he is no backward *Spring*, and that he has been faithful in the discharge of every duty. We take the following from his thorough, business-like report, which we commend to the perusal of our companions:—

"*Illustrious Companions:*—

"Through the mercy and by the kindness of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, we are once more permitted to meet and greet each other with ranks unbroken. I extend to you fraternal salutation and a most cordial welcome to our Forty-sixth Annual Assembly, assuring you of the peace, harmony and prosperity prevailing throughout the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois. While we have not had large accessions to our ranks during the year, most of our Councils are in a healthy and prosperous condition, and, with the encouraging outlook for better times in all lines of business, there is no good reason why Cryptic Masonry should not increase in prosperity in a corresponding degree.

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD.

"Our thanks are due to an all-wise and overruling Providence that the members of our official family have been spared to each other and the craft, and our sympathies are hereby extended to other jurisdictions who have been called upon to give up their best-loved and most distinguished Companions.

"We are advised of the death of Most Illustrious Companion JOHN QUINCY ADAMS FELLOWS, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Louisiana, who died November 28th, 1897.

"Also Most Illustrious Companion WILLIAM ABRAM LOVE, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia, who died January 22, 1898. Suitable tributes will be paid to the memory of these Illustrious Companions by our Committee on Obituary.

Dispensations had been granted to two new Councils.

REPRESENTATIVES.

"Upon the recommendation of the *Ill.·.* Grand Master of California, on December 12th I issued a commission to *Ill.·.* Comp. WM. BYRON SCARBOROUGH as our representative near that Grand Jurisdiction, and I fraternally ask that my action in this matter may be approved.

No decisions had been made or asked for during the year.

The Mass Convention for that year had been abandoned.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

"Companions, I now come to a subject which has been of special interest to me for some time, and I trust there are others who will agree with me when I say that I am in favor of the Grand Council of Illinois joining hands with the great majority of Grand Councils and becoming a constituent of the General Grand Council. I do not favor this movement without having thoroughly considered the matter, and having consulted with many Illustrious Companions throughout the State, and with but very few exceptions I find them favorable to it. That there will be some opposition by those who have different views I have no doubt, but that it will be of benefit to this Grand Council I feel assured. First, as a precedent we have the Grand Encampment, the governing body for the Knights Templar, and the General Grand Chapter, the governing body for Royal Arch Masons of the United States. I think no well-informed Mason will say that the above mentioned bodies are not beneficial to the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter. Then why should not the General Grand Council be beneficial to our Grand Council? And at the same time we would be strengthening the General Grand Council, and all working together for the upbuilding of Cryptic Masonry throughout the United States. I am under the impression that anything that will strengthen and stimulate us will be beneficial, and that all of the Grand Councils of the United States working together, the weak with the strong, will accomplish more than the State Grand Councils can do alone. During the past year the Grand Council of Colorado and the Grand Council of North Carolina have ratified the Constitution of the General Grand Council and become constituents of the same.

"Second, the allegiance clause in the Constitution of the General Grand Council, which has been objectionable to many Companions in this jurisdiction has been entirely eradicated, and each State Grand Council determines for itself the legal status of its members, so that there can be no further objection on that score. The General Grand Council, by resolution at the last General Assembly, extended an invitation to all Independent Grand Councils to unite with and become a part of the General Grand Council, to the end that the Cryptic Rite be unified and strengthened and its interests advanced.

"By virtue of the foregoing, and in the sincere belief that the interests of our Grand Council will be benefited thereby, I recommend that this Grand Council, by resolution, ratify the Constitution of the General Grand Council, with the intent to become a constituent thereof.

"Companions, in returning to you this emblem of authority with which you so kindly invested me one year ago, I desire also to return you my sincere thanks for the honor you have done me in elevating me to the position which it has been my privilege to occupy during the past year. I have endeavored to administer the affairs of the Grand Council for its best interests. If I have succeeded to your satisfaction, I am fully repaid for all that I have done.

"With the highest appreciation of the assistance rendered me and the courtesies extended by my associate officers, especially the Illustrious Grand Recorder, and with the highest esteem for each and every member of this Grand Council, I remain,

"Fraternally Yours,
"S. O. SPRING,
"Grand Master."

No action was taken upon the Grand Master's recommendation to become a constituent of the General Grand Council, but it was a feeler nevertheless.

California is not mentioned in the report on correspondence.

Our old California Brother and Companion, Rev. HENRY G. PERRY, presented an elegant report on Obituaries upon the beloved dead, and we have learned that he lately has crossed over the dark river himself, and is now receiving the reward of a just and well-spent life.

M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM L. MILLIGAN was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* GIL. W. BARNARD re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

1898.

The forty-third Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Indiana was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Indianapolis, beginning at 2 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, the 18th day of October, A. D. 1898, A. Dep. 2898, *Ill.·.* Comp. DAVID M. BURNS, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 49 Subordinate Councils, with a membership of 2,658, being a total gain of 32 over the previous year. *Ill.·.* Comp. ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK, California's Representative, was present.

We take the following from Grand Master BURNS' admirable address:—

"*My Illustrious Companions:*—

"I am highly gratified in being permitted to greet and welcome you to this the forty-third annual meeting of our Grand Council; and it is with devout gratitude and adoration to the Great Alpha and Omega—that God whom we as Masons reverence and serve, that He has continued to bless us with His protecting care, and that, with ranks unbroken, we greet so many select Companions of our choice; so many with whom we have been meeting annually for more than a score of years; with whom we are now enabled to further cultivate and strengthen our fraternal ties, and to enjoy the great pleasure of clasping hands, with a fervent grip of companion-

ship, and of looking again into eyes that have uniformly reflected intelligence and mutual love; and to again rekindle our zeal and devotion to duty, by the fires that constantly burn on the altars of Masonry, with such a regular glow of fraternal love that none grow cold, none go away dissatisfied; until finally, when each has wrought his regular hours, he may retire to rest in peace.

"THE CRYPTIC RITE.

"In some parts of our general jurisdiction it is thought Cryptic Masonry is growing weaker each year. This may be true in some jurisdictions, but I am well satisfied that it is uniformly growing stronger each year, and, as reasons, state some facts: That the impression prevails among the best informed that it can stand and grow on its merits alone; that there are no longer petitions to the Chivalric Orders for them to make these degrees prerequisite to Knighthood. Our Councils are not now begging Royal Arch Grand Chapters to take these degrees under their protection, to be conferred by Chapters. We hear no more of the Mississippi plan.

"I think our Royal Arch Chapters would be stronger and possess more independence, have fewer failures to have quorums at their meetings, if there were none among them that had taken the Chapter degrees merely as stepping-stones to the Commandery. If we but remember it, the members of the Symbolic degrees are moral and upright before God, and of good repute before the world. If Chapters can find among the members material for Capitular Masonry, and if the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite can find good material there, I am inclined to think Commandery could also. I am glad that our beautiful degrees do stand alone upon their merits; that they are not made a prerequisite for other or higher degrees; and yet I have often wondered why all Royal Arch Masons do not take the Council degrees."

Dispensations had been granted for two new Councils which had been duly organized.

SUPER-EXCELLENT DEGREE.

"I take great pleasure in saying that I think there is an interest in this impressive degree that is steadily and surely growing. I also take the greatest pleasure in giving for this Grand Council special thanks to Companion LONG and *Terra Haute* Council, No. 8, for their disinterested zeal, time, labor and expense so freely given to make the knowledge of it more extensive, and doubtless its growing favor is from their diligence and assiduity. I think all Royal and Select Masters should be in possession of it, and as it more intimately belongs to further elaboration of the Royal Arch Degree, it might, therefore, precede the Royal Master's Degree and the control of both be in the Select Degree. In order that all may have this Degree, any Illustrious Master might be authorized to communicate it, either with or without Dispensation to members of his Chapter. Then the minimum working force for it should be defined, and other considerations made. All to be regularly initiated thereafter. I hope the Committee on Jurisprudence will consider the whole subject, and make proper recommendations for consideration by this or the next subsequent Grand Council.

CONCLUSION.

"Another year has gone; its labors are ended, and time has called for me to surrender the gavel to my successor. And I thank you again, in retiring, for your preferment, and for the honors conferred one year ago.

I assure you I am profoundly grateful to you, one and all, for your kindness and forbearance. I also here acknowledge myself under special obligations to our Grand Recorder, who has ever been ready to help with his council and assistance, given from his extensive knowledge of Masonic law and duty, which he has gained by constant research in the faithful performance of so many onerous duties. This has made my responsibilities fewer and my duties lighter."

Ill.·. Comp. JOHN W. POTTINGER was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

1898.

The thirtieth Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas, was held in the city of Wichita, on February 14, 1898, at 9 o'clock A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. FRANK E. DAVIS, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* A. M. CALLAHAM, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are ten Subordinate Councils in this Jurisdiction with a membership of 739, being a loss of thirty-eight during the year. Seven Councils were represented. *Ill.·.* Comp. R. E. TORRINGTON, Representative of California, was present.

The Grand Master's address shows that he has been a most zealous and indefatigable worker and a faithful officer; but treating of the condition of the Rite in that State, which is not encouraging to him in point of numbers, he goes apparently daft in his propositions, recommending that the beautiful degrees of Royal and Select Masters be given for nothing to Knights Templar, and recommends "that the laws be so amended as to give constituent Councils the right to confer the degrees of the Cryptic Rite for a minimum fee of $1.00.

We take the following excerpt from his address:

"And, now, Companions, before closing my report, I desire to call your attention to a matter in which we are all vitally interested; a matter that requires of us at this time wise and judicious legislation, and which, in my opinion, will largely determine our future, and as to whether we are to have any future. I refer to the

CONDITION OF THE RITE.

"It is patent to you all that the Cryptic Rite, in this Grand Jurisdiction at least, has been growing weaker and weaker for years. I have known this in a general way I may say for some time, but until I assumed the office of Grand Master and thereby had the matter brought home to me in a most emphatic manner, I had not fully realized the full peril of our position, nor until that time, did I realize that our condition is but a fair example of the condition of the Cryptic Rite in several other Grand Jurisdictions.

"Companions, if the day ever arrives, and I verily believe it will, when the degrees of the Council become a prerequisite to those of the

Commandery, we will find that we will have to give the Cryptic Rite without recompense to a large number of Knights Templar, and the longer we wait the greater will be the number to whom we will have to give the degrees. Since, then it is evident that we must at some time or other give these degrees for nothing, and that the longer we wait the larger the number will be to whom we must give them, let us take time by the forelock and give them away right now. Many of our Councils could be assured of a class of ten candidates at every regular Assembly throughout the year. It costs no more to work the degrees on a class of ten than it does on a class of one. The ten dollars would be in the treasury, and the Council would be ten times as much the gainer in numerical strength, or even better, as at the present but few Councils have the one candidate. I know you will say at first that this plan is wrong; that it is cheapening our Masonry out of all reason, that the uninitiated will say, when solicited to join, that the Cryptic Rite is too cheap to amount to anything; but he says that now, and while he undoubtedly thinks so, he will, nevertheless, pay the one dollar for them when he would not pay ten dollars, and after he gets them, he will value them for what they are, and not for what they cost him."

The plea for this extraordinary measure recommended, is the poverty of the resources of the Grand Council, and he comes out strong for prerequisition of receiving the Cryptic Degrees prior to those of the Chivalric Orders of the Temple. We are glad that the Committee on Jurisprudence had the good sense not to adopt his recommendation in these respects and recommended that the minimum fee be fixed at $5.00, which latter recommendation was adopted.

The Report on Correspondence is written by *Ill.*·. Comp. A. M. Callaham and S. L. Seabrook, both of whom are most able reviewers and if the rest of the Royal and Select in Kansas were like them there would be no dampness, mould, crickets or cockroaches to gather in that Secret Vault inviting a Knight Templar to dismount and come in for nothing or for the small entrance fee of a dollar. The road from Babylon to Jerusalem or from Acre to Antioch does not pass through the viaduct of the nine arches which is open only at one end.

Ill.·. Comp. Seabrook, in his review of California, says:

"The Report on Correspondence was made by Comp. Sherman, and there are many things we would like to print in full. Much of what he says about the Colorado matter is sound Masonic law."

He then quotes what we said in reference to the Master Mason's Degree, after discussing some other matters in regard to usurpation of authority, etc., closes by saying:

"Let us hope that California and Kansas may ever be found on the same side. It is not probable they will both be erring. They will always be right. We would like to make many extracts from your report, but want of space forbids it."

"So mote it be," Comp. Seabrook. May the brook that flows to the sea run full with prosperity overflowing its banks.

In speaking of the Colorado matter he fairly and truthfully says:

"The whole Colorado question has engendered a great deal of unnecessary and acrimonious discussion, and we fear that, notwithstanding the "final" action of the General Grand Council, it is not ended. We believe some of the representatives of the General Grand Council have appeared to act in a spirit of arbitrariness, and an assumption of power not justified. The Companions of Colorado started in a mistaken way, and the circumstances prompted their human nature to make them defiant."

But it is now settled, or nearly so, and Colorado has really triumphed, for until the General Grand Council took down the bars, Colorado remained outside the corral, and only entered of her own volition; and it only remains for the General Grand Council to say what it will do about the Grand Council of Colorado claiming to convene in its *fourth* Annual Assembly instead of the *first* as instituted by the authority of the General Grand Master.

Ill.·. Comp. AARON H. CONNETT was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. A. M. CALLAHAM re-elected Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

LOUISIANA.

1898.

The forty-third Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Louisiana was held in the Masonic Temple, corner of St. Charles and Perdido streets, city of New Orleans, on Thursday, February 18, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., the *M.·.* *Ill.·.* GEORGE O. ELMS, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are seven Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 212, being an increase of nine during the year. Six Councils are represented. *M.·.* *Ill.·.* Comp. SAMUEL M. TODD, the Representative of California, who is also Grand Treasurer, was present.

The Grand Master, judging from his address, is a wide-awake, intelligent Companion and officer. He says: "My official acts have been very few." He pays the following tribute to one of the most distinguished Masons in the United States, whose labors and deeds have been recorded in golden letters on the pages of American Masonic history, and whom we have met and knew well. He says:—

"Death has been in our midst, and has stricken down one dear to our hearts, a bright and shining light in Masonry, JOHN QUINCY ADAMS FELLOWS, Past Thrice *Ill.·.* Master of *Louisiana* Council, No. 2, and Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council for 1868, died in this city November 28, 1897, full of years and of honors. He has gone, leaving behind in every relation of life a record to be proud of; prominent and honored in all walks of life, he was, indeed, the peer of all, and especially in our institution, and we may well say 'that the virtues of this amiable, distinguished and exemplary character are on perpetual record in the hearts of all his brethren.' The many eulogies which may have been recited to his memory recount his deeds and his worth far better that I can find words to do."

He says in regard to the exercise of the prerogative of the Grand Master conferring the degrees upon Royal Arch Masons at sight, that it should not be exercised excepting "in cases of emergency in the interest of a Council, and then only after receiving the unanimous advice and consent of all Royal and Select Masters within hail; and that he should have the further right of declaring such as had, by his action, received the degrees, to be members of such Council."

As to this part of his address, the Special Committee to which it was referred, reported: "Your committee recognize the prerogatives of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, but recommend that he ought to confine the exercise thereof to unoccupied territory and that he be so advised," which report, with the resolution accompanying it, were adopted.

The following is the Report of the Committee on Necrology, which we here insert:—

"NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 1, 1898.

"*To the M.·. I.·. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters:*—

"To your committee has been entrusted the duty of reporting upon the life, services and death of our much loved, *Ill.·.* Comp. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS FELLOWS, Past *M... I.·.* Grand Master, one of the foremost of this Grand Council in the year 1856.

"Comp. FELLOWS was born at Topsham, Vt., on the 3d of April, 1825, and was descended from a noble stock of men who fought for and did good service to their country in the war of the American Revolution. He was initiated in *Rising Sun* Lodge, No. 7, at Royalton, Vt., November 29, 1849, and became a Master Mason on January 20, 1850; he then camé to New Orleans and affiliated with *Marion* Lodge, No. 68, on May 16, 1851. He received the Chapter degrees in *Orleans* Chapter, No. 1, and was exalted to the Royal Arch degrees July 19, 1852, and had conferred upon him the degrees in 'Cryptic Masonry' January 24, 1854, in *Louisiana* Council of Royal and Select Masters. He assisted in the formation of *Orleans* Council November 20, 1855, and became its first Thrice *Ill.·.* Grand Master, and joined in the organization of this Grand Council, and at its formation became Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JOHN HENRY HOLLAND was the first *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and on account of his age and eminent services in Masonry was retained in that position for nine successive years, and Comp. FELLOWS having held the position of Deputy Grand Master for the years 1865 and 1866, was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master in 1868. Of all those who held offices in the Grand Council up to and including 1868, but three Companions survive. Comps. TODD, STEVENSON and BREEN, the others had preceded *Ill.·.* Comp. FELLOWS to that unknown country beyond the dark river of death. And he, the last to join the innumerable throng in the silent halls of death, was for upward of fifty years an active and efficient member of this and the other branches of our beloved fraternity. In his time he has done good and noble work, and the records of his able and efficient services of his high, noble, manly and upright character, lives in the hearts and memories of those who wrought in the good work by his side, and also those of our great brotherhood throughout this great country.

"S. M. TODD,
"GEO. J. PINCKARD."

In which we most heartily concur.

A resolution of sympathy was extended to *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master GEORGE O. ELMS, who was in severe affliction caused by the decease of his beloved wife.

The ELMS have been transformed in cypresses by that sad event.

M.·. Ill.·. DAVID T. STAFFORD was elected Grand Master, and our youthful comrade of the Mexican War of 1846–8, over half a century ago. *Ill.·.* Comp. RICHARD LAMBERT was re-elected Grand Recorder, and we hope he will continue to be re-elected far into the next century. He is one of the very best penmen and secretaries in the United States and we shall look for his promotion when he gets through on earth to be appointed to relieve the Recording Angel in the Supreme Celestial Grand Council above.

MAINE.

1898.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Maine assembled at Masonic Hall, in Portland, on Wednesday, the fourth day of May, A. D. 1898. A Dep. 2898, at two o'clock P. M.; *M.·. I.·.* OLIVER A. COBB, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 16 Councils with a membership of 2,466, being a gain of 125 in this jurisdiction; 14 councils were represented.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, the representative of California, was present.

The proceedings have for a frontispiece the steel engraved portrait of Past *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master HORACE H. BURBANK, who has a sad but intellectual face, fully expressing the exclamation of a Royal Master in his lamentation.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master in his address shows that he left an abundance of corn in the crypts, and that the work the several Councils got out of him was not only sufficient to fill their granaries, but left a row or two of kernels on the *Cobb* for future seed corn and harvests. In his conclusion he says:—

"I wish to thank the companions for their courtesy extended to me on all occasions. It was my earnest desire, during my three years as visiting officer, to be able to visit all the Councils in the State, but I have only visited eleven, while to five I am still a stranger, but I hope in good time to pay them a fraternal call, even though unofficial. These visitations have ever afforded pleasure to myself, if not honor to the fraternity. While the amount of work is not, perhaps, as large as in some years, yet this branch of the Order will doubtless hold its own and show a certain though small gain. During the visitations I have noticed differences more or less marked in both the wording and the floor work of the several degrees. I have not attempted to regulate this, as the differences are not really essential, and as the councils are somewhat isolated, and as visits from one to another are not frequent, and

"'Tis with our judgments as our watches; none
Go just alike, yet each believes his own.'

"To the several companion officers of the Grand Council my thanks are due. On them, in a large measure, depends the harmony and prosperity of their various Councils, and if harmony has not prevailed and discord has arisen, it has been kept from the knowledge of your Grand Master. Especially am I indebted to the Grand Recorder for his many timely helps."

The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Works also presented their reports, which show equal zeal and diligence in their visitations and performance of the duties of their respective offices.

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.*·. Comp. ALBRO C. CHASE, who gives to California a page and a half, which is very generous. He divides his report into parts, first reviewing the proceedings of the Constituents of the General Grand Council, and then those of the Independents.

He makes a short quotation from *M.*·. *Ill.*·. Grand Master WM. HEWSON DAVIS' address, discusses our own position on the Colorado matters, and also quotes what we said of the Cryptic Degrees, with commendation thereon, though he says "with less pleonasm than usual." Well, if we sometimes are guilty of plenary redundancy it is better, perhaps, than being reduced to a bioplasm. He also says of us:—

"When he reaches Maine he again argues the Colorado question, taking as his text the following excerpt from our report of 1897 on that question: 'We thought it good and sound Masonic law and usage that, when a field was occupied by one Masonic body, an invasion of that field by a second body was sufficient to cause such a body to be condemned.'

"The course of his reasoning of this question under the several jurisdictions received by him may not be as *adroitly avoided* as he thinks my course was through the jurisdictions until Colorado was reached by me; but, reading his reasonings as one whole there occurs to memory the following incident: At one time in the Massachusetts legislature a member was speaking to a question relating to temperance which was before the House of Representatives, and after talking some time, the Speaker of the House asked the member if he would allow a question, and, upon receiving consent, asked, 'would the gentleman inform the House upon which side of the question he was?' and thereupon the gentleman replied 'that his constituency was about equally divided.'

"Thanks, Comp. SHERMAN, for your facts to prove that our position above taken is not correct. But, based upon those facts as stated by yourself, and your comments thereon, we believe that you uphold our position full as much as you do your own position. We still declare that Masonic comity should recognize the first comer."

Well, Comp. CHASE, Joint Occupancy is the rule and custom west of the Mississippi, and has been for the last half century in the Territories of the United States, until the local sovereignties of the several Grand Lodges were established. Only the General Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment have claimed and exercised sovereignty over unoccupied territory. The pre-occupation of the Hawaiian Islands by the Lodge *Le Progres de l' Oceanic* by the Supreme Council of France did not prevent the Grand Lodge of California from also organizing three Lodges there, or the Grand Lodge of Scotland one, the Grand Lodges of three foreign jurisdictions

which planted them there, and they were all in perfect harmony with each other; but Uncle Sam has now taken possession and knocked out the sovereignty of the authorities which created the first and the last comers, which may apply to California or any other American Grand Lodge for Charters, until they have a Grand Lodge of their own. The Grand Council of California granted the Charter of *Helena* Council, No. 9, at Helena, Montana; and is still under our jurisdiction.

M.·. Ill.·. FRANK E. SLEEPER was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.* STEPHEN BERRY re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN.

1899.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan held its forty-first Annual Assembly in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Detroit, on Monday evening, January 16th, A. D., 1899, A. Dep., 2599, at 7:30 o'clock.

M.·. I.·. Comp. CHARLES M. NORTON, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JEFFERSON CONOVER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are sixty-one Councils in this State, with a membership of 4,241, being a gain of 118 during the year. Fifty-four Councils were represented.

The proceedings for 1899 have a fine likeness of *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. CHARLES M. NORTON, Grand Master for 1898. He has a fine, intellectual countenance, a high forehead, and evidently well supplied with brains, charged with an abundance of gray matter, a genial, kindly face with a merry twinkling eye that expresses an appreciation of pleasantry and a keen joke, yet at the same time with a depth and power of penetration to see through an old ram's fleece when placed before his vision.

His fine address with a report of his official acts covers eight pages of the proceedings, and from which we take the following:

"With gratitude, I welcome you to this, our forty-first Annual Session of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, to again renew our fidelity to the Order.

"The passing years are rapidly bringing the twentieth century to a close; a century which has witnessed the greatest progress ever made in the history of the world, and nowhere so great as in our own country. Many there are among us to-day who have helped to build it up to the place where it now stands, 'High among Nations," and to whom the passing of these years means the leaving behind of their highest hopes, noblest aims and truest efforts. Others, but fairly launched on the sea of life, look eagerly forward to what the coming years hold in store for them.

"Our laws are such that the Grand Master shall present to the Grand Council a review of his work, and call the attention of the craft to anything he may consider worthy of note. As I look back over the past year, it seems but yesterday that you called upon me to take my place at the head of this Grand Body, yet this year will mark an epoch in the

history of our nation, nay, in the history of the world; for where in the records of the past can we point to such another struggle as that from which we have just come triumphant and victorious, the taking up of arms for the sake of God and humanity.

"Notwithstanding this blow which fell so unexpectedly upon us, the year has been one of unusual prosperity. Evidences of it are to be seen all about us in the various walks of life. There has been no discord within our Jurisdiction, all being at peace and harmony. But while we render up our thanks to the Supreme Grand Master for the countless blessings received, and for his divine guidance, let us not forget those to whom the year has been one of sorrow.

"Our circle has been broken by the death of Past *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master JOSEPH THAYER HAYDEN, who died April 24, 1898, aged seventy-two years. The deceased Companion was for years in the employ of the L. S. & M. S. R., where he had the respect and confidence of all. He was Secretary and Treasurer of their Mutual Relief Association.

"Free from pain he is sleeping the sleep of the generous and true.

"Kentucky mourns the loss of their Grand Recorder, LORENZO DOW CRONINGER. We cast the spray of acacia upon his remains and say: 'Peace to his ashes.'

"Mississippi mourns the loss of Grand Treasurer WM. SALLATIN PAXTON. No brighter Mason ever lived or one more highly honored in Mississippi than he. The grave never covered a truer and nobler man.

"Regarding the Companions at Grayling who are praying for Charter would say, I received the last paper necessary, Saturday, and the same will be presented to this Grand Council for their action, and I recommend that Charter be granted.

"I would recommend that the following resolution be adopted by this Grand Council.

"When the showing is good for a Council of Royal and Select Masters and there are not enough of Royal and Select Masters to start one, and the distance too great for *R.·. A.·.* Companions to go receive them, that the Most Illustrious Grand Master may exercise his judgment, and communicate them, or order it done by the proper officers.

"And now, as the hour approaches when I must return to you the emblem of authority with which you honored me a year ago, I wish to return thanks to you, one and all, and especially to our Grand Recorder, for the kind assistance given me during the past year. I assure you it has been appreciated. I now submit to you this record of my work. If my actions meet with your approval, I shall be more than satisfied, if not, to err is human, and I solicit the broad mantle of charity."

CHARLES M. NORTON,
M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

As a recognition of his services the Grand Recorder was instructed to procure and present to *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, CHARLES M. NORTON, as a token of fraternal regard, a jewel, same as given *P.·. M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and that the sum of fifty dollars be paid him as a slight remuneration for his arduous services during the past year in the discharge of his official duties.

The Report on Correspondence, we notice, has gone over from *Ill.·.* Comp. CONOVER to the Castle of WINSOR where *Ill.·.* Comp. LOUIS B. WINSOR has mounted the tripod, where he informs us that he is fortified and armed with scissors in this iron age, and with pen and ink and

mucilage, he has entered upon his task with the motto, *Essayon*, displayed upon the banneret above him. We welcome him to the corps and wish again that he will uphold the standard of Michigan. He gives a report covering fifty-three pages of well written matter, of which he gives three and a half pages to California. He quotes freely from *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. HENRY ASCROFT, Grand Master's address, and says, "This has a ring to it that we like," and says, further:

"He reports having visited six out of the eleven Chartered Councils in his Jurisdiction. Being unable, on account of pressure of business, to attend the sixth Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council, R. & S. M., at Baltimore, Md., October 11, 1897, he states that 'Past Grand Master WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ever alert in the welfare and advancement of Cryptic Masonry, kindly acted as representative of this Grand Council on that occasion.' The writer of this report having had the pleasure of meeting Past Grand Master PIERCE, at Baltimore, last October, takes pleasure in congratulating Grand Master ASCROFT upon the good judgment he exercises in picking out his substitute. I will vouch for it that Past Grand Master PIERCE was largely in evidence at Baltimore and his personal generous proportions seemed particularly adapted to represent the far-famed hospitality and generosity of our Companions on the Pacific slope.

"Companion EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN presented the report of the Committee on Correspondence, (I noticed that the chairman of our Committee on Correspondence, who wrote our report last year, refers to him as 'that eminent Masonic writer' and after perusing the sixty-eight pages of his report in these proceedings, this member of the committee heartily endorses the title)."

He quotes what we said in explaining our late beloved Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE'S name and then says:

"After reading this we are inclined to add to Companion CONOVER'S title of Companion SHERMAN, or rather to amend it, by making it read 'That eminent *learned* Masonic writer.' On behalf of the Grand Council of Michigan we tender to Companion SHERMAN our sincere thanks for the foregoing explanation of our beloved, departed Grand Recorder's name.

"We should delight to linger longer with the interesting report of Companion SHERMAN and to regale our Companions with more copious extracts therefrom, but we are admonished that our space forbids."

He pays us too much honor, and is likely to get into difficulty with his neighbor across his southern border for expressing such an opinion.

M.·. Ill.·. GEORGE D. SMITH was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

1898.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota, was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of St. Paul, on Monday, October 24, A. D. 1898, A. Dep. 2898, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M.

The *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JOHN FISHER, presiding as Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are seven Subordinate Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 694 on the rolls. There being a loss of two Councils and forty-three members during that year. The seven Councils were represented.

The Grand Recorder read a letter from Comp. O. J. H. MARTIN, Grand Master, expressing his profound regrets at his inability to be present, owing to pressing and imperative business duties over which he had no control.

Companion FISHEL voiced the disappointment of all present at the enforced absence of the Grand Master, necessitating his taking the chair, and begged the indulgence of the Companions.

Letter referred to Committee on Address.

The address of Grand Master MARTIN was read by Acting Grand Master FISHEL, from which we take the following extracts :

"*Companions :*

"This is the Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota, and to the Giver of all good gifts we are thankful for the health and blessings bestowed during the past year, giving us strength to again participate in the joys we find here. The grasp of the friendly hand, warm with the fond recollection of our last meeting, and the hope that we will meet again, encourages and strengthens us while we pursue our labors in the secret vault. It has pleased the Supreme Grand Master to summon to his presence thirteen Companions from this Jurisdiction. We cherish their memory and sympathize most sincerely with their friends and families in their sad bereavement. Most humbly do we bow in submission to the divine will.

"From outside our Grand Jurisdiction we have official information of but two deaths of Grand Officers, viz., Comps. WM. ABRAM LOVE, Deputy Grand Master, Georgia, and LORENZO DOW CRONINGER, Grand Recorder, Kentucky. The former was well known to some of you, as he frequently visited Minnesota. He had occupied high offices in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and was General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the General Grand Council of the United States from 1894 to 1897. Dr. LOVE was a Masonic scholar whose fame was national. He died at Atlanta, Ga., January 22, 1898, in the seventy-fourth year of his age. Of Grand Recorder CRONINGER, who died in Agust last, at Covington, Ky., we have as yet no detailed information. He had, however, been for many years Grand Recorder of the Grand Council and Grand Commandery. Peace to their ashes.

"We have again met as the Representatives of our respective Councils to labor for results which are necessary for the continued good of Cryptic Masonry. Let us work here and elsewhere that our labors may meet the commendation, 'Well done!' This is the injunction laid upon us in every Masonic Degree."

Concerning the Grand Council of Colorado he says :

"We rejoice at such a happy termination of past differences, and I feel sure you will now welcome the Grand Council of Colorado to the Sisterhood of Grand Councils."

He then quotes the Circular of the General Grand Master in full.

He had granted a dispensation to one Council to hold a special meeting to elect officers; refused a dispensation to another Council to go to another town to confer degrees, and evidently does not believe in having a Council going around on wheels to confer degrees. One Council could not find its Charter, and its records and authority were taken away from it.

He received the thanks of his Grand Council for his earnest efforts in behalf of Cryptic Masonry and for the eloquent address presented at this Assembly. A fine likeness of him forms the frontispiece of the proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of its genial Grand Recorder, THOMAS MONTGOMERY. He gives a little more than a page and a half to California, speaking well of Grand Master ASCROFT'S address and the doings of our Grand Council, and of our report says:

"Comp. EDWIN A. SHERMAN presented his sixth annual review of thirty Grand Councils. He gives a good account of the sixth Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council at Baltimore, October 11, 1897. As the Colorado trouble has been happily settled, it is not necessary to advert to the discussion of its status, etc., found all through this report. Minnesota for 1897 is not overlooked. He modestly says he was not deserving of the praise we gave him last year. We give the following for the sake of the story, and are heartily glad Colorado has taken her lawful and proper place in the family of Grand Councils."

He then quotes in full what we related of the Old Presbyterian Parson, which story for illustration seems to be going the rounds.

He is liberal and fair-minded, and evidently governed by the same spirit of justice and consideration that we claim for ourselves in dealing with the Colorado matter, and gives the whole of the proceedings of the fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Colorado, as we do in this report. That Grand Council did not dissolve. It simply by decree of the General Grand Master was purged of disloyalty; and it and its Subordinates were healed by proclamation by returning to their allegiance to the General Grand Council. The Grand Council of Colorado did not dissolve, nor repeal or declare a single act of its first organization void, nor any of its acts of local legislation of government repealed; and all of its records stand recognized by itself as a Grand Council *de facto et de jure* from the beginning, and which the General Grand Council would ill-advisedly atttempt to annul or set aside, and can only declare that the transfer of the allegience to itself of the Grand Council of Colorado at its fourth Annual Assembly was like Parson Huntington's marriage of his daughter and son-in-law, performed *nunc pro tune*. The child was born and named already, and the placinta is now finally disposed of by the SHEARS, the instrument of the General Grand Master. In the outcome it is the Grand Council of Colorado that has won; and the General Grand Council has returned to the true standard of Freemasonry by abolishing its uncalled-for, unfraternal iron-clad oath of submission, and returned to the Masonic level of equality under the administration of the genial, urbane and beloved General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOLL. *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN FISHEL was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY re-elected Grand Recorder, and we heartily congratulated him upon his re-election.

MISSOURI.

1898.

The thirty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri was held in Freemason's Hall, St. Louis, on Wednesday, April 27, A. D. 1898, A. Dep. 2898, at 2 o'clock P. M. *M.·. Ill.·.* ELIJAH H. PHELPS, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twelve Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 763, being a loss of seven during the year. Eleven Councils were represented.

The Proceedings are adorned with a frontiepiece in the likeness of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master ELIJAH HUNGERFORD PHELPS, who is a noble but serious-looking gentleman, who looks as if in years gone by he had suffered by sorrow and was acquainted with grief. He looks like a man who would be faithful to duty if he died at his post in doing it. We take the following from his earnest and most excellent address:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri:

"*Illustrious Companions:*—With devout gratitude to Almighty God, let us offer up our fervent aspirations to Him for His protecting care and favor during the year now closing, and invoke His blessing upon us and upon our labors in this our thirty-third Annual Assembly.

A REVIEW.

"During my official year I have been pleased to note a growing interest in Cryptic Masonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. This has been especially noticeable in Butler and Kansas City. The returns will show that a healthy growth has been enjoyed by nearly every Council in this State. Our beautiful Rite is better understood and more heartily appreciated than it ever was before in all its past history throughout the United States. The question, "What is it?" is not propounded so often. Those who have argued that the degrees in Capitular Masonry and Cryptic Masonry are not given in their natural, logical order, now admit, after having been admitted to the Secret Vault, that they were in error.

"In no part of the system of York Rite Masonry is more enthusiasm manifested than in our own beloved Rite. Some of our oldest and brightest Masons, who have been admitted to the secrets of the Royal Vault late in life, confess that it was their one error in all their Masonic history that they had so long neglected to avail themselves of the advantages and instruction of the Cryptic degrees. They are, indeed, the rounding out of one's Masonic education."

He commends the Masonic Home of that State to the considerations of his Companions. He advices no subscriptions to a Masonic Temple at Washington, D. C., until a plan on business principles is presented to the Fraternity, and concludes with the following:

GENERAL REFLECTIONS.

"I have not felt justified in making extended visits to the Councils of this jurisdiction owing to the depleted condition of our Treasury, but I feel that the Grand Master should be in a position to visit every Council at least once, to encourage the Companions, instruct them in their work and to create an enthusiasm which his presence alone could afford. I had hoped to be the

means of instituting six Councils instead of one, but there must be a 'campaign of education' in Cryptic Masonry before Royal Arch Masons at large will realize the necessity for the degrees and the beauty of them. I find the plan of appointing the Grand Officers of this Grand Council deputies in their several localities a good one, and I recommend it to my successor. Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout our borders—a sort of graveyard peace, I regret to say; and yet we are to be congratulated that a kindly, fraternal feeling has existed in all the Councils. I have sent out upward of 150 letters in the interest of our Rite. Those who replied seemed to appreciate the value of the Cryptic Degrees. Many, I regret to say, did not deign a reply even, a violation of a rule of business entirely inexcusable. Before closing under this heading, I want to urge upon every representative present the necessity of thoroughly memorizing the work. The beauty and impressiveness of the degrees cannot be brought out unless this be done. Naturally I have visited *Shekinah* Council more than any other, and feel partial to it, but I am fully justified in saying that the work done there is worthy of emulation among the best Councils in this country.

CONCLUSION.

"One year ago by your unanimous vote I was elected as your Grand Master, a compliment and honor I now acknowledge with sincere thanks. I am grateful for your partiality and your kindness. The service has been a labor of love. I bespeak for my successor the same generous sympathy and support.

"Fraternally submitted,

"E. S. PHELPS,
Grand Master."

When we first wrote our opinion or impressions of *Ill.·.* Grand Master ELIJAH H. PHELPS from looking at his likeness in the frontispiece, we had not come across his biographical sketch written by *Ill.* Comp. ROBERT F. STEVENSON, on page 35-6 of the Proceedings, and did not know how near we were in coming to the truth. But what is written is written, and we will let it remain so. We notice that he is a Shriner and also Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Recorder *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYS, who was elected General Grand Deputy Master of the General Grand Council at Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12, 1897. We most heartily congratulate him upon his election, and hope that in due time he will be promoted to the office of General Grand Master, for he most certainly deserves the promotion.

He reviews the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils, and his report covers thirty-five pages, giving to California three and a quarter pages, or nearly ten per cent., which is very liberal indeed. He quotes liberally from *Ill·.* Grand Master WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS' address in an approving manner, and speaks of our review as follows:

"*Ill.·.* Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN presented the report on Fraternal Correspondence, in which he reviewed the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils, and, like others that have emanated from his pen, must be read to fully appreciate the many bright and sparkling gems it contains. Missouri for 1896 received most favorable consideration, and for the high compliment he pays us in quoting our conclusion, we are profoundly grateful."

Under Kansas, in commenting upon that part of the address of the Grand Master, in which the Grand Master held that the Cryptic Degrees were the highest grade of Ancient Craft Masonry, Comp. SHERMAN said.

He then quotes two pages of what we wrote concerning the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and those of the Cryptic Rite and other matters, for which we thank him for appreciating so generously the work which we wrought.

In his review of Michigan for 1897, in writing of *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE P. MCMAHON, Grand Master of that Jurisdiction, he says:

"The introduction of the Grand Master's Address is so full of bright and sparkling gems of thought, that to quote passages from it would only mar its beauty, and do injustice to the master mind from which it emanated."

We fully concur in *Ill.·.* Comp. MAYO's opinion; the whole should be given and not broken fragments. The setting of those gems is too fine and elegant to mar the artistic finish of such beautiful piece of work by breaking off the ornaments.

Ill.·. Comp. MAYO, in giving the "Cryptic Statistics for 1897," gives 33 Grand Councils, with 614 Subordinate Councils, and a total membership of 44,364. Twenty-eight Grand Councils have a total of 1,864 pages in their Proceedings, four of which have not less than 123, and not more than 160 pages, being an average of 143 pages to each. Seven Grand Councils have not less than 90 nor more than 99 pages in their Proceedings, being an average of 93 pages. California and Connecticut each having 91 pages for that year.

If it were possible to furnish each Officer of a Subordinate Council with a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Council of his own State each year, and require him to diligently review it, and being informed of the condition of the Rite in his own Jurisdiction especially, he would know how to go to work and stir up the zeal of his own Companions to a high state of emulation, and advance his own Council on the road to success and prosperity, and not leave the Nine Arches to become simply a croquet ground, and a game to be played at leisure according to one's mere caprice.

But we must pass on.

M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM Y. BEAN was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

1898.

The Forty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Mississippi was held in the city of Water Valley, in the hall of *McConico* Royal Arch Chapter, No. 96, commencing at 4 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, February 8, A. D. 1898, A. Dep. 2898.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. FREDERIC SPEED, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. J. L. POWER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 23 Subordinate Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 512 upon the rolls. 18 Councils were represented.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master FREDERICK SPEED has inherited Amalthœa's Horn the Cornucopia or horn of plenty. It is said the infant Zeus was fed with goat's milk by Amalthœa, one of the daughters of Melisseus, king of Crete. Zeus, in gratitude, broke off one of the goat's horns, and gave it to Amalthœa, promising that the possessor should always have in abundance everything desired. Zeus the Grecian Jupiter meaning the "living one" (Sanskrit *Djaus*, heaven; Latin *Ju-piter*, our *Tues-day*). "*Ægis I throw my ægis over you*, i. e., my protection. The shield of Jupiter, made by Vulcan, so called, and symbolized "Divine Protection." The shield of Minerva was called an *ægis* also. The shield of Jupiter was covered with the skin of the goat of Amalthœa, and the Greek for goat is *æges*. That made by Vulcan was of brass. It was bad for the goat to lose both his horn and his hide, but as Zeus evidently was weaned, he had no further use for that goat. Now that horn has grown and become greatly enlarged, and holds a plenty of good things, and *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. FREDERIC SPEED, Grand Master of Mississippi, always comes with it filled to the edge of the opening, and gives its rich and choice contents to his admiring and waiting Companions, and the following is a portion of them, taken from his address:

"*My Very Dear Companions:*

"Out of the gray mists of the morning the sun rises with effulgent splendor from behind the eastern hills, dispelling the dark clouds of the night and warms and fructifies the earth, causing it to bring forth the harvest to gladden and enrich the lives of the husbandmen. And, out of the turmoil and strife of the great tempest of life we come up once more to hold the Great Council of the Craft, to draw new designs upon the trestle board; to inquire what of the night—is it well with my thee, brother? We here form new friendships and enlarge the circle, from which loved ones are so constantly dropping out; and renew the friendships of our youth and grasp the hands of the old friends in fraternal embrace. These old friends' faces call up many precious memories of the past; of the years when in the pride and strength of our manhood, we stood erect and braved every passing storm with courage and determination equal to any calamity; but alas, how the ranks have been broken and what a host is there who no longer answer to the roll call. It is said that long life is attained only at the expense of many partings, and that we live only to lose many friends whose society and companionship seemed to be but a part of ourselves.

"'There are no friends like old friends,
And none so good and true
We greet them when we meet them,
As roses greet the dew.
No other friends are dearer,
Though born of kindred mold,
And while we prize the new ones,
We treasure more the old.

"'There are no friends like old friends
To help us with the load
That all must bear, who journey
O'er life's uneven road;
And when unconquered sorrows
The weary hours invest,
The kindly words of old friends
Are always found the best.

"'There are no friends like old friends
To calm our frequent fears,
When shadows fall and deepen,
Through life's declining years;
And when our faltering footsteps
Approach the Great Divide,
We'll long to meet the old friends
Who wait on the other side.'"

He then pays an affectionate tribute to *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. W. G. PAXTON, Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer of that Grand Council, whose illness kept him away. He then continues:

"THE YEAR

"Which has passed since last we stood within the courts of the Temple and planned for the upbuilding of the House of the Lord, has been one of great anxiety and even distress to most of us. Early in the spring, a great flood came rolling down the mighty 'father of waters,' and carried devastation before it, and numbers lost the labor of years of arduous toil, and afterwards the pestilence which 'walketh in darkness' stole into our borders and was scattered into our State and into neighboring communities. Thousands were driven from their homes, business was paralyzed and many impoverished. For months we lived under the shadow of a great calamity, and even the stoutest hearts were filled with an unconquerable dread, which unfitted them for business or any of the ordinary pursuits of life. Those who felt secure themselves were consumed with anxiety for friends, and for more than two long, weary months everything else was pushed aside in men's thoughts. In Masonry, as elsewhere, the builders ceased because they were few and fears were in the way. The plans which had been formed for propagating our work miscarried, and at the end of another year, when another mile-stone has been passed, and we have so much less time in which to work, we find that the thought of our hearts has been broken off and our purpose has not been fulfilled. The work of our Councils was, of course, interrupted, and some of them ceased labor altogether, for a season, at least. The new year, however, opens with brighter prospects, and it is but fair to assume that the public health authorities will not repeat the stupendous blunder of the last year, should unfortunately the yellow fever make its appearance, and will confine its ravages to the point at which it originates, instead of permitting it to be scattered all over the land."

He mentions the propagation of the Rite in his State, and gives an account of his visit to the General Grand Council at Baltimore by invitation, the healing of all difficulties and misunderstandings, and cordial reconciliation of differences all around. *Laus Deo.*

He then mentions his visitations to Subordinate Councils and his official acts, and gives some interesting history of *Lexington* Council, No. 4, as follows:

"LEXINGTON COUNCIL, NO. 4.

"Upon this Council resuming labor, by some misunderstanding Companion Grand Recorder renumbered it as 16, but it was entitled to its original number of 4, which it has held since 1857. I directed the correction of the mistake, and its return was published in its proper sequence in our last proceedings. The history of this Council is very interesting, it having been one of those created by the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem; it was represented in the 'Jackson Body,' and also at the convention which organized this Body. It would prove interesting, if it could be explained,

how it was at the same time schismatic and loyal. The presence of a large number of the best men and Masons which this State has ever had, including Companion HOWEY, of sainted memory, in the Jackson Body, relieves it of even a suspicion of blame, and makes us more eager to learn the full history of the Jackson organization, which unfortunately has not been preserved. All we know is that there was a meeting of a large number of the bright and shining lights of Masonry, held there in 1854, and again in 1855; a meeting at which they organized a Grand Council; that the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem issued an 'address,' and called a Convention, at which there were but five Councils represented, one of them being *Lexington*, No. 26, and then Companions HILLYER and SPRINGER succeeded in 'healing all dissensions,' and the 'Jackson Body' disappeared, and there is no mention made of it afterwards that I have been able to find.

He then weaves chaplets and immortelles in profusion and pays tribute to the distinguished dead, *Ill.·.* Comps. LONG, FELLOWS, LOVE and others, and closes by scattering the diamonds of night dew, like a shower of falling stars upon the memories of the illustrious departed.

"We close our lecture upon the solemn thought of death," says one of the old-time teachings which used to be more frequently given in our Lodges than it now is. And at each of these annual gatherings of ours we pause in our labors to pay tribute to the worth of those, who having departed in the Lord, do now rest from their labors. Alas, there are always mournings for the dead; we never part without the thought that all of us cannot come again at these seasons of refreshment, and some of those who have been with us at many of our annual Assemblies will not come again, and there will be more and more vacant places as the years roll by. We go out into the evening, after the passage of a great storm, and look upon the face of the heavens and behold the stars as they glitter there in the wondrous beauty of their eternal calm and silence, and see the dead faces of those who have passed through the great storm of life and withstood its buffetings, and wonder when our turn shall come, if there will be any who shall miss us out of the thronging crowds of the streets; an utter feeling of loneliness comes over us at the thought that it is the common doom of man to die and be forgotten. But the great light which beams with effulgent splendor upon our altars, "dispels the dark cloud, draws aside the sable curtains of the tomb, bids hope and joy rouse us, it cheers and sustains the departing spirit and bids us turn our eyes with faith and confidence upon the opening scene of eternity. It is well, then, Companions, that your minister and servant, when he comes at the end of each departing year, to render an account of his stewardship, should dwell in loving words upon the virtues of those who have rendered faithful service in the great quarries of life.

"'Where storm after storm, rises dark o'er the way."

"That dead friends may not accuse us of neglect of their memories or of forgetfulness that they have stood in our places and were thought worthy of the honors which are now given to us. There is, then, no need that we should offer an apology, if we consume a few moments in communing with the dead or in reflection upon the transitoriness of this mundane state, for

"'There is to each mortal's life,
High Twelve!
In the midst of his earthly strife—
With the earth's groveling luxuries rife—
The voice of the Warden comes,
Like the roll of a thousand drums,
In earth's quarries no longer delve."

Ill.·. Comp. J. L. POWER, Grand Recorder, kindly sent us a copy of the reprint of the Proceedings of that Grand Council from the year 1856 to 1866 inclusive, which we duly acknowledged in a letter, which we had no idea would be seen by any but him, and perhaps a few others of that Grand Council; but he mentions the fact, and publishes the following extracts, which we here, not out of vanity or self-laudation, but to show the appreciation felt towards California by our Mississippi Companions, whom we dearly love. He says:

"Many appreciative letters have been received from other jurisdictions, acknowledging receipt of the reprint. One of the most interesting was from an illustrious and venerable craftsman of California, *Ill.·.* Comp. EDWIN A. SHERMAN, Oakland, several extracts from which would enrich our proceedings.

EXTRACTS FROM COMP. SHERMAN'S LETTER.

"I am under many obligations to you for sending me the reprint of the Proceedings of your Grand Council for 1856 to 1866 inclusive, and I wish to return you my sincere thanks for the same.

"I was an admirer of Gen. JOHN A. QUITMAN, of your State, whom I was personally acquinted with during the Mexican War, and greatly regretted that I was not in his division, which had the honor accorded to it of first entering the City of Mexico, on the 14th of September, 1847. My own division, General Worth's, being the second. General and Brother QUITMAN had the honor of raising the American flag over the halls of the Montezumas and being made Governor of the City of Mexico. I loved our good Companion ALBERT G. MACKEY as I would a father, and I enjoyed his fraternal affection and confidence. I honored our Grand Commander ALBERT PIKE as a Moses and leader in Israel. As a scholar in Egyptian and Oriental lore, and his knowledge of the Sanscrit, enabled him to adorn and embellish Masonry with his own rich poetic fancy, and line the dusty roads of the centuries with flowers, and the distilled perfume through nature's laboratory made the travel pleasant, and many a boquet was gathered by the wayside in my journeyings.

"But of all those who have gone on before is one whom I never saw or had any correspondence with, but whose writings I love the most—*Ill.·.* GILES MUMFORD HILLYER, of Mississippi. The measured cadence of his sentences,, the beauty of his imagery, the ornate rhetoric, the polished syntax, the beauty of his conceptions and elegant diction, and the whole so grand beyond expression—such a man as Grand Marshal could organize a procession of the Universe and lead it onward with his baton and direct the music of the spheres as it passed in review. Of such are the Commanders in heaven. God bless his memory!

"I have admired, also, the beauty of the addresses of Companion SPEED, and I acknowledge my indebtedness to him for many historical points in fortifying my position in relation to the origin of the Royal and Select Master's Degrees which the proceedings you have sent me so intelligently and clearly confirm.

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"My own family have always been identified with the history of the country from the beginning. I served and fought under and for the American flag and my country's honor in Mexico fifty and more years ago, and during the late Civil War I was on the Union side and wounded in its defense. I am a liberal Republican in politics and vote accordingly, but I have no party or sectional lines in my Masonry, and my Brethren and Companions in Mississippi and Louisiana are as dear to me as are those of the extreme Northern States, and in many instances I like them better. The mingling of

the immigration from the Northern and Southern States in 1849 created a new and more fraternal people and produced the present race of Californians, who are more liberal in sentiment than any people on earth. We are neither Northerners nor Southerners, but full-blooded Americans to the backbone, and believe in a broader spirit of liberality, and never make change when the contribution box is passed nor stop to count our nickels.

"Please give my kind regards to Companion SPEED, whom I never saw or or wrote to, but whose addresses I admire.

"Prosperity and success to you and your Grand Council. May the Lord love you and not call for you too soon.

"Sincerely and fraternally yours,

EDWIN A. SHERMAN, 33°."

When the Savior put POWER into the Lord's Prayer it was to be accompanied by SPEED. The Grand Council of Mississippi has retained both, also for the Corridor of the Nine Arches and the Secret Vault, that his will may "be done on earth as it is in heaven." "So mote it be!"

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. FREDERICK SPEED was re-elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. J. L. POWER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

1897.

The thirty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Hampshire was held in Freemason's Hall, in the city of Concord, on Monday, May 17, A. D., 1897, A. Dep., 2897.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. STEPHEN S. JEWETT, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are eleven Councils in this Jurisdiction with a membership of 1,494, being an increase of seventy-eight. Nine Councils were represented.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master in his address said:

Companions of the Grand Council:—

"It is with extreme personal gratification that I greet you to-day at this Assembly of the Grand Council. I am much pleased to see so many members present, and to each and every one I extend a hearty and fraternal welcome. Another Masonic year has passed away, and it is with great pleasure that I report at this, our thirty-sixth Annual Assembly, that peace and harmony prevail throughout our Jurisdiction. Most of the Councils are in a condition of prosperity, and no discord exists among the membership of any one of them. To my mind the Order of Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction is steadily growing stronger and the sublime principles inculcated by its degrees are gaining a firmer foothold as the years go by.

"As we gather around the altar we give thanks with grateful hearts to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, for his bounteous ble-sings and mercies which have been given to us during the year that has past."

After giving a short account of his visitations and official actions, concluded as follows:

"My official duties during the past year have been exceedingly pleasant. There have been no complaints and I have not been called upon to make any difficult decisions.

"To the officers and members of the Councils that I have had the pleasure of visiting, and to my associate Grand Officers, I return sincere thanks for hearty co-operation and support, and particularly to our Grand Recorder do I desire to return thanks for his many kindnesses and efficient assistance to me during the year. It is my earnest hope that the year to come may be one of exceeding prosperity to the fraternity and happiness to all."

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Recorder, and is very brief. He gives to California half a page, and is more generous to our Grand Council than he is to several others. His name CLEAVES and residing in the "Old Granite State," his favorite hymn no doubt is "Rock of Ages CLEFT for me, let me hide myself in thee," in that Grand Secret Vault.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. STEPHEN S. JEWETT was re-elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp GEORGE P. CLEAVES re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

1899.

The Forty-first Annual Assembly of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey, was held in Masonic Hall, Trenton, on Tuesday, January, 24, A. D. 1899, A. Dep. 2899.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN B. BERTHOFF, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are eight Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 359. Four Councils were represented. *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JOHN M. KNAPP, Representative of California, was present.

It is very evident that the Grand Master has faithfully attended to his duties, as will be seen from the following extracts from his address:

"*To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Jersey:*

"*Illustrious Companions.*—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Council we have again met in annual session to review the work of the year that has passed, and to devise means for the promotion of the prosperity of the Order in the years which are to come.

"It is with pleasure that I extend to each of you a cordial and fraternal welcome to this, our Forty-first Annual Assembly, with a sincere hope that in every respect you will find the occasion a pleasant and profitable one.

"It is also a pleasure to meet the Representatives of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, and I trust that the tidings they bring us from far and near will be those of peace and prosperity for the Cryptic Rite.

"It is a source of great gratification to me, as I know it will be to you, to be permitted to report that no deaths have been reported among the members of this Grand Council during the past year.

"The condition of the Cryptic Rite in our Jurisdiction, I regret to say, cannot be called prosperous, but there are hopes of better things in the future.

"During the year I have visited nearly every Council in the State, and endeavored, so far as was in my power, to awaken a renewed interest on the part of the Companions. What the result of these visits may be cannot at present be rightly determined, but I have reason to believe that some good at least has been accomplished.

"On July 18th, I visited *Terry* Council, No. 6, where I had the pleasure of meeting a number of the Companions, including several of my associate Grand Officers.

"On the evening of December 8th, *Warren* Council, No. 5, was honored by a visit from *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion FREDERICK KANTER, Grand Master of the Grand Council of New York. He was accompanied by a number of prominent Companions of that Jurisdiction, among whom were: Right Ill. Companion JOHN R. GARDNER, Grand Marshal, Most Puissant Companions COBURN and OSGOODBY, Past Genl. Grand Masters, Thrice Ill. Companion COFFIN, Master of *Brooklyn* Council, No. 4, Thrice Ill. Companion BROOKMAN, Master, and Thrice Ill. Companion WILEY, Past Master of *Union* Council, No. 2, of New York city, and others.

"The Degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred by these visiting Companions upon a prominent Royal Arch Mason of Jersey City, in that masterly manner for which they are so justly renowned. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Most Ill. Companion, in an eloquent address, presented me with a commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York, near this Grand Council.

"The event was a red letter night in the annals of *Warren* Council, and should be productive of much good.

"This, Companions, completes the resume of my official acts. No question of Cryptic law or jurisprudence has been submitted to me, nor has any grievance been reported. My personal relations with the Companions have been of the most agreeable nature, and in every case I have been treated by them with the utmost kindness and consideration, for which I desire to return my grateful acknowledgments.

"My thanks are also due to my associate Grand Officers for the able assistance they have rendered me upon many occasions.

"Bespeaking for my successor the same loyal support and consideration that has been shown me, and with my best wishes for the success of our beloved Order, I remain

Fraternally yours,
JOHN B. BERTHOLF,
Grand Master.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. DAVID H. LUKENS was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

1898.

The eighty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York, was held in the Grand Council room, Masonic Hall, corner of Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street, in the City of New York, on Tuesday, August 30, 1898, Anno Dep. 2898, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. A. OPPENHEIMER, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE VAN VLIET, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twenty-eight Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 4,066 Companions on the rolls being a gain of only *one* during the year in the Empire State. How did they catch him? Was it in an eel trap? If so, they had better set several of them over on "Long Island's sea-girt shore." There were twenty-five Councils represented.

We take the following from the Grand Master's excellent address:

"*T.·. Ill.·. Companions:*—

"It is with feelings of profound gratitude to the *Holy One of Israel* that I welcome you to this our eighty-ninth Annual Assembly. I see before me Companions who have labored with me in the *S.·. V.·.* for many years, also a few who are here for the first time. I extend to each and all a most hearty and fraternal greeting, and trust that when we separate, after our labors are completed, you will return safely to your respective homes to labor with the Sleepless Eye, ready with the Trowel in one hand to spread the Cement of Brotherly Love, and to battle with the sword of Justice in the other for the welfare of our beloved Cryptic Rite.

"Time and custom have ordained that the Grand Master at the Annual Assembly shall present to the Grand Council an address, giving in more or less extended form a review of the past year, laying before the Grand Council the result of his labors, with such recommendations and suggestions as may seem to him timely and pertinent.

"Bearing in mind the concise and comprehensive addresses of his illustrious predecessors, your Grand Master realizes the limitations of his ability, and would wish that custom had not thus decreed.

"With feelings of joy and gratitude to the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, we give thanks that our official ranks are unbroken, and that no chair is vacant in our official household.

"We have not altogether been spared the sorrow which the human heart feels when parting from its loved ones, especially those with whom we have, through joy and sorrow, traveled over this Vale of Tears for a score or more years."

He then refers to the several departed Companions in tender and eloquent terms worthy of their virtues and their memories.

He gives an account of his official acts, the visitations to the various Councils by himself and other Grand Officers to whom he had assigned this duty, and their reports of the same.

He was present at the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council at Baltimore on October 11, 1897, and recommends that its proceedings be printed and bound with their own.

He returns thanks to his associate officers, and in conclusion thanks the Grand Council for the honor conferred upon him by electing him Grand Master, and commends them all to the kind care of a Divine Providence, with his best wishes for their prosperity and success.

The Report on Correspondence is by that good, courteous and discriminating and *Ill.·.* Companion, GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, who reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Councils in seventy-three pages of carefully written matter, of which he very generously gives four pages to California. He seems to fully understand our position on the Colorado question, and that we have been consistent in our opinions expressed upon that subject. He quotes our story of last year about "Old Parson HUNTINGTON," which fully illustrated the status of the parties in the case, and asks the question:

"We wonder how our genial Companion, Past General Grand Master COBURN, would look, acting as a Presbyterian dominie under such circumstances, and he a bachelor? We think our *M.·. P.·.* Companion NICHOL, of Tennessee, could fill the bill."

Now, Comp. OSGOODBY, your conjecture, and our illustration in that story has just filled the bill exactly, and to a nicety, and it could not have been done better by "Old Parson HUNTINGTON himself."

M.·. Ill.·. General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL, of the First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, Tenn., adopted the plan of "Old Parson HUNTINGTON," and he united Colorado to the General Grand Council without publishing the bans in advance. He, however, should have done like the Old Parson, post-dated the action as *nunc pro tunc*; but it will have to go at that, at any rate, to legitimatize the Royal and Select that have been born prior to this now lawful marriage, in order to give color to Colorado. We received a letter from him informing us of the fact, and asked our opinion "whether he had filled the bill or not," which was the first information we had that the thing was done. We answered most emphatically in the affirmative, congratulated him upon his success, exclaiming, *Laus Deo!* He was the right man in the right place, at the right time and did the right thing, and the General Grand Council, and every honorable, fair-minded Select Master will rejoice at the act and exclaim: "Blessed be our beloved General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL the peacemaker," and blessed be the SHEARS that he used to cut the knot, and blest be the tie that binds all hearts in fraternal truth and love.

Tyranny in Masonry should be promptly stamped out upon the floor of the Temple and kicked out of the door upon its first appearance, where all are upon the level of equality. Subordination to Constitutional Law, enacted by the will of the majority, should be equally maintained by those entrusted with its administration, but with dignity and firmness without austerity, arrogance, hauteur or offensive demeanor in office.

The status of every presiding officer in Masonry is, that he is the chief among his equals. There are no Popes, Cardinals or Bishops in Masonry, though there are many who try to be and would prevent the institution and make of it a hierarchy or oligarchy to which the American Freemason will never submit. We enter of our own free will and accord, and upon assurances previously given, that we are deprived of no rights when we assume our vows of confraternity, and if these assurances are of no value, then our vows are worthless and we can of our own free will voluntarily cease membership for the compact will have been broken. The Master of a Lodge is Master of his art and overseer of the work, and the laws of the craft govern him as much as those who labor under his direction, and have elected him to the position he holds. There are some men in Masonry who seem to think and act as if they had especially been born to command, and that all other men were simply created for them to command, and are always hunting around to find a body of men or to create a body of men to exercise their authority over when they cannot govern themselves. The sooner these human stallions or roosters are made geldings or capons, the better for mankind in general, and for Masonry in particular. There is no law of primogeniture in this country that gives advantage or preeminence to the first born; and in Masonry the highest place is given to him who can best

work and best agree among his brethren, who submits to their own rules upon the floor and level of equality, and no usurpations from the southeast corner, either in Grand or Subordinate Bodies that is deemed by itself to be permanent and secure in its position, which would in effect attempt to control the actions of the presiding officer, or indirectly to govern the Craft, through the supineness or neglect of that officer—can be tamely submitted to by men who know their rights and have the moral courage to maintain them.

The Secretary or Recorder of any organization, either Grand or Subordinate, is but the Chief of Staff of the presiding officer and the medium through which his decrees and consummation of acts of legislation flow. It is in his power to throw everything into confusion, mislead his Commander, as well as to cause Subordinates to stumble and fall, and to array divisions against each other; and like an evil-intentioned switchman cause a train to take the wrong track, while the people hold the company responsible for the damages and the president, personally, is held for the blame when he stands by his servant and makes that servant's acts his own.

The executive is administrative power and authority, the Secretarial purely ministerial and subordinate, and they should forever be kept separate and apart, or trouble is sure to occur somewhere in the body or bodies of men, of which they form a part, and the brother should not be lost in the officer of a fraternity, for then he ceases to be a brother, and so far as he is concerned, he is no longer a member of a fraternity which for himself he destroys. But we have said enough on this subject which we have thought necessary to mention at this time.

As we have to write upon another matter in which *Ill.·.* Comp. OSGOODBY may feel interested, he will find our remarks under the head of Tennessee, to which Grand Council our *M.·.* *Ill.·.* General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL belongs.

M.·. *Ill.·.* Comp. A. OPPENHEIMER was re-elected Grand Master but declined the honor. *M.·.* *Ill.·.* Comp. FREDERICK KANTER was then elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. GEO. VAN VLIET elected Grand Recorder, and Honorary Past Grand Master upon which we sincerely congratulate him.

NORTH CAROLINA.

1898.

The Twenty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina was held in the City of Raleigh, on Thursday, May 19, 1898, A. Dep. 2898.

M.·. *Ill.·.* W. S. LIDDELL, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* JAMES C. MUNDS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are six councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 125, all of which were represented. *Ill.·.* Comp. W. F. RANDOLPH, Representative of California, was received.

The address of the Grand Master is encouraging and hopeful. It expresses the sudden change from a state of despondency and discouragement to that of surprise, of joy and hope and congratulation of there being enough present to open the Grand Council, when he hardly expected a meeting, and then says:

"Companions, for transforming me from a state of gloomy despondency to one of joyous expectancy I thank you."

He pays due tribute the memory of the "Illustrious Dead."

DISPENSATION.

"On May 4, 1898, I granted dispensation to Companion E. B. NEAVE and others, of Salisbury, to reorganize *Adoniram* Council, No. 2. The following clipping from the *Daily Sun* shows what was done.

'NEW MASONIC COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS ORGANIZED LAST NIGHT.

'After a lapse of more than a quarter of a century the local Masonic Council of Royal and Select Masters was reorganized last night. Among the well-known Masons who were present to organize the council were Major FUGLE, of Columbia, S. C., Grand High Priest J. A. BARRON, of South Carolina, and thrice Illustrious W. S. LIDDELL, of Charlotte. After the institution of the council a banquet was served the Masons at the Central Hotel.

'In the year 1851, the Supreme Council of the Southern States, sitting at Charleston, granted to ALEXANDER MURDOCH, D. A. DAVIS and F. C. SHAFTER, all of this city, a Warrant of Constitution, under seal, conferring upon them the degree of Royal and Select Masters, and authorizing and empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in Salisbury. They did so, organizing *Adoniram* Council, No. 2, which was the second council organized in North Carolina. The council was broken up by the Civil War, but was reorganized under happy auspices last night.

'*Salisbury* Chapter Royal Arch Masons recently discovered in its archives the original Warrant of Constitution granted to MURDOCH, DAVIS and SHAFTER. This relic was displayed in the council hall last night.

'The Masonic Orders of the city are in a flourishing condition and are growing rapidly.'

"The following resolution offered by Companion WILLARD was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Council of North Carolina hereby ratifies the constitution of the General Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and requests to be enrolled as a constituent of the said General Council."

And so the "Old North State" was originally under the jurisdiction of the Southern Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, which organized the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, at Fayetteville in that State, on June 21, 1822, with five councils that were united and at labor at that time. They afterward became dormant. In 1859, the Grand Chapter, which had assumed some sort of control over these degrees, in the dormant condition of the Grand Council for many years, adopted the following: *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, after due consideration, hereby disclaims for itself and subordinates any control over the Royal and Select Masters' degrees." In 1860 three councils were chartered by the Supreme Council (Southern Jurisdiction), Comp. Dr. A. G. MACKEY being the active agent, and the

Grand Council was formed June 6, 1860. But in consequence of the Civil War no farther meeting was held until 1868. In 1883 it dissolved and again remitted the degrees to the Grand Chapter. but in 1887 it reorganized, and the bantling still lives, and in the nursery rhymes of Mother Goose the following perhaps may be found concerning the Cryptic Rite in that State.

High diddle diddle, they left it to LIDDELL,
To see what he'll do with the Rite,
The Southern Supreme Council, the baby did bounce ill,
And the Grand Chapter left it at night.
LIDDELL tried it one year and brought it out clear,
And next June he'll take it to Asheville,
Where the Companions will gather to greet its God Father,
Our General Grand Master from Nashville,
Who the baby will sprinkle in a sparkling eye's twinkle,
And the daughter the new mother will be.
How so? Be patient and wait and know the "North State,"
Herself gave birth to fair Tennessee,
But will linger no longer, for the baby is stronger,
And just beginning to bite.
So high diddle diddle, we'll leave it with LIDDELL,
For we know he'll bring it up right.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. W. S. LIDDELL was re-elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES C. MUNDS was re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

1898.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Ohio, was held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, at Cincinnati, on September 27, 1898, at 9:30 o'clock, A. M.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN B. ROMANS, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 52 Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 4,567, being a net gain of 255 during the last year. All the Councils were represented. *Ill.·.* Comp. ARTHUR P. CRANE, Representative of California, was also present.

Fortunately the letter written by St. Paul, when at Corinth, and sent by the hands of Phebe to the Romans, reached its destination in safety; and by the address of the Grand Master, *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN B. ROMANS, we see that he has profited by it, and his stewardship has been equal to the very best in its results through his diligent and faithful labors.

Yet we observe from his picture at a frontispiece, that the hot simoon of the deserts caused the hair on his head to become very thin, but left his cranium and countenance a splendid specimen for Prof. O. S. FOWLER or other phrenologist and physiognomist to lecture upon as a sample of the

best productions of the Caucasian race. Though from the pin he wears in his neck tie it would appear that he belongs to the Ishmaelite branch of the Semitic race, or had become attached by gum Arabic while endeavoring to gain a passage into Egypt, Abysinnia, or Ethiopia, and had united with the Anonymous Order of the Shrine while on his journey during which he also became a Camelite.

His address is a most thorough business report of the transactions of his office.

He re-appointed *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, Ohio's Representative near the Grand Council of California, and no better selection could have been made.

Two new Councils were instituted, and the Officers were installed by his proxy.

He divided his Jurisdiction into thirteen districts, and appointed Inspectors as required by his Grand Council, and they duly made their reports. His own visitations to Councils were highly gratifying and satisfactory. He says further:

"SUSTAINING COUNCILS.

"I realize that no Council located in a town where there is a Commandery, should be given up, but that the Grand Council should use every endeavor to sustain it.

"There is much that can be said about the manner of procuring candidates for Cryptic Masonry, or, rather drawing their attention to it, and perhaps more that is best left unsaid; but from the fact that the Grand Encampment of Knight Templars does not make the degrees conferred in the Council pre-requisite to the Orders of the Temple, some protection must be had for them. We all recognize their importance in the rounding out and completing of the beautiful system of Ancient Craft Masonry, and every Mason should be required to perfect himself in them before being allowed to advance to the Commandery.

"This would not only prove a standard of fitness for the Orders of the Temple, but also provide a protection for the Blue Lodge.

"It is too evident that many are attracted by the show of the Commandery who care nothing for it, or, at most, lightly appreciate the Lodge, and whose only object in becoming Masons, seems to be to join the Commandery or the Shrine—men who seldom, if ever, attend a meeting of either Lodge or Chapter, or could even gain admission to one, unless they were vouched for. This matter of ignoring the Council is being effectively handled in many places now, and in every town that will sustain a Commandery there is little doubt but that a Council of Royal and Select Masters can be sustained also; and, again, this skipping of the Cryptic Degrees is the greatest discouragement the Councils have to contend with—to see Companions continually advance from the Chapter to the Commandery, and not petition the Council; and, when approached with a petition for the Council, to be told that these degrees are not necessary.

"But there is a remedy, and it is being vigorously used in many places in this Grand Jurisdiction, and these are the Councils which give us the greatest increase—where the Inspectors report a beautiful rendition of the Ritual, and large attendance on the Assemblies."

The Proceedings also contain a report of the Superintendent of the Masonic Home, to which this Grand Council made a further appropriation

of $500, making $2,500 in all appropriated by it for that object; the Grand Lodge having contributed $43,214, the Grand Chapter $31,862.25 and the Grand Commandery $7,500, or $85,076.25 in all, the Home having cost $144,978.12, and since opening from April 1, 1897, $2.919.68. The actual cost of boarding per capita being $13\frac{1}{10}$ cents per day, or a fraction of over 4 cents a meal for three meals a day. What have they upon the table? There are 38 men, 12 women, 17 boys and 10 girls; total 77. The average age of the men is $70\frac{11}{12}$ years, of the women $66\frac{1}{17}$ years, of the girls $7\frac{7}{11}$ years and boys $10\frac{8}{17}$ years. There are still 60 applicants.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by *Ill.·.* Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, the Chairman of the Committee, who, being in ill health, placed the Proceedings of the several Grand Councils in the hands of another member of the Committee, with the request that he prepare the report, which he did, and though his name is not given, we conjecture it to be *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, who has since been appointed Chairman in place of *Ill.·.* Comp. S. STOCKER WILLIAMS, who on account of advanced age and feebleness of health has resigned.

We sincerely regret the withdrawal of Comp. WILLIAMS from the Reportorial Corps on account of his feeble health and advancing years, and though our natures and dispositions are as opposite apparently as the poles, yet Old Father Time eventually brings us all in line at the last meridian, when we can go no further on life's journey. May the Lord love him and not call for him too soon. He received a vote of thanks from the Grand Council of Ohio for his eighteen years of labor as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, as he should.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, *P.·. M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, now Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and who evidently prepared the present report, and as such we will so consider him and it. He reviews twenty-one Councils in thirty-two pages of well-written matter, which exhibits marked ability as a reviewer, and that he does not fall behind his able predecessor. He gives to California two pages, or one-sixteenth of the whole, which is appreciative and liberal. He says:

"The annual address of Most Illustrious Companion HENRY ASCROFT was a well-written paper, and gave evidence of an efficient and industrious Grand Master."

He notes his official acts and the increase of membership in our Jurisdiction with expressions of encouragement. He said:

"The report on Foreign Correspondence, prepared by Comp. EDWIN A. SHERMAN, comprised seventy pages of the Proceedings, and takes front rank among the reports presented for the consideration of your Committee.

"Thirteen pages are devoted to the General Grand Council, and the Grand Council of Colorado. The sympathies of the Illustrious Companion are entirely with the Companions of Colorado, and in opposition to the action of the General Grand Council, and in a review of the various Grand Council Proceedings no opportunity is missed for showing his devotion to the interests of the Companions of the Centennial State. The writer remarks, however, 'There are two sides to every question, and we give

Colorado a hearing without, however, being disloyal to the General Grand Council.'

"The discussion is moderate and dignified in tone.

"Under New Jersey he said: 'While we are unswerving in our loyalty to the General Grand Council, and of necessity bow to its action, yet we are free to say we retain our right to criticise the methods and doings of those who exercise the authority with which they have been invested. The Committee appointed by the General Grand Master was biased and prejudiced. The neglect of the General Grand Master to visit Colorado, and on the ground learn the whole truth, we consider reprehensible, and the action summarily taken by the General Grand Council without providing some way to restore fraternal relations with the State of Colorado and have it returned to the fold without undue humiliation destroys a golden opportunity of reclamation, restoration and fraternal good fellowship."

Our *Ill.·.* Companion is in error as to our position in the action of the General Grand Council towards our Colorado Companions. It was the *method* by which it was done. *Ill.·.* Companion THOMAS R. MARSHALL, of Indiana, the home of the General Grand Recorder, who was biased and prejudiced *ex parte* in favor of the General Grand Recorder beforehand, who was placed on that Committee, who prepared its report, and procured the endorsement of the rest of the Committee. It was a cut-and-dried affair from the start. But to be sure, as arranged and not going behind the returns as presented, the General Grand Council in its action could not do otherwise than it did. It, however, repealed an obnoxious and tyrannical law, patched up its regulations, which were at fault and weak by the very reason of its not being able to stand the test of this Colorado proceeding, which forced it to strengthen the weak places to prevent like trouble hereafter. To be sure, Colorado has now returned to the fold of the Grand Council, not not as created *de novo* with its *first*, but with its *fourth*, Annual Assembly, with all its past ratified and healed as a Grand Council from the beginning four years before, but with some questions yet unsettled, which for its own sense of dignity and right it will examine into most thoroughly, and which will not be covered up, hidden or concealed.

Either the General Grand Recorder or the first Grand Master of the Grand Council of Colorado, then so called, has been guilty of mendacity, prevarication, trickery, suppression of the truth, and acts unbecoming a Mason and a Companion, and created trouble and confusion in the Secret Vault. If the General Grand Council or the Grand Council of Colorado have taken action and made decisions upon only a part of the truth presented, and the other portion has been cunningly or adroitly, in the interests of individuals, withheld, then each Grand Body owes it to itself to probe the matter clear to the bottom, and punish the wrongdoer. If the General Grand Recorder is clearly blameless, or the first Grand Master of Colorado not guilty, then let free, unbiased Justice so declare. To all appearances, the General Grand Recorder has taken all the way through the advantage of his position, while Colorado, aggrieved at his action and by it forced into insubordination, as it claimed to be, has been at a disadvantage before the Committee of the General Grand Council. The equality before that body is now restored, and both

have an equal chance to get at the truth of the whole business, and the Grand Council of Colorado will take the initiative in that matter. Neither in the Corridor or in the Ninth Arch or Secret Vault is there any place for anything but the clear and spotless truth, and nothing should "enter therein that worketh abomination or maketh a lie." The Cross upon which Christ was crucified was never whitewashed to cover the stains made by his blood, nor the holes made by the nails puttied up.

This is our exact position, and has been, upon this subject. To our knowledge we believe we have never met either of these two Companions who have been the chief actors in causing this breach between the two jurisdictions. We have never directly or indirectly received a communication from either of them, and only been governed in our views from the reading of the proceedings of the two Grand Bodies. Many of the Colorado Companions are most distinguished Masons whom we have met and known for years, and they are the peers of the best in the land. They possess as much intelligence, knowledge, ability and integrity, and are as conscientious and true-hearted Masons as can be found on God's footstool. These men and Companions are not the kind of men to be led astray by the mere whim, caprice, ambition or intrigue of any individual to do any act inconsistent with or contrary to their Masonic obligations or duties. And when, as they believed, they were smarting under indignities thrust upon them, and believing, also, that they had the same right to organize a Grand Council as subordinate Lodges have to organize a Grand Lodge without previous consent being obtained from the authorities from which they derived their charters, they organized upon the same Masonic usage, custom and law; and there was nothing then in the Constitution, Statutes or Regulations of the General Grand Council prohibitory of such action. This has now been remedied by legislation, and there is no likelihood of there being any trouble on that account hereafter. But as there was then no law of the General Grand Council against it, they violated no written law in so doing; and this is perhaps the reason why they term their recent meeting the *fourth* Annual Assembly instead of the *first* in their legislation and Proceedings; holding that while they were an independent Grand Council, they were a *legal* one, and in this they have the recognition of every other independent Grand Council with whom they exchanged and have continued representatives. It would be a very unwise procedure of the General Grand Council by resolution, or decree, to require of the Grand Council of Colorado, to rescind, ignore, or repeal the act of its first organization of the laws and other legislation that have been enacted by it; for it might as well attempt to dam the Platte River at its mouth and push the stream back up into the Rocky Mountains through all its sources, as to attempt to force things in that way. This is our impression formed from a careful perusal of their Proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence further says of ours:

"Ohio, 1897, receives fraternal notice, the address of Grand Master CRANE being spoken of as a thorough business affair, rendering a full ac-

count of his stewardship, and one which showed him to have been a diligent and faithful worker and overseer."

Which was all true.

M.·. Ill.·., Comp. HENRY C. MORRISON was elected Grand Master and *Ill.* Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON.

1898.

The Thirteenth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Oregon, was held at the Masonic Hall in Corvallis, Oregon, on Wednesday, April 6, 1898, at two o'clock P. M.

Th. *Ill.·.* O. O. HODSON, Grand Master, presiding and *Ill.·.* SETH L. POPE, Grand Recorder keeping the minutes of the work.

There are still but three Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 199, being an increase of 11 during the year.

The frontispiece bears the picture of the noble bighearted and enthusiastic but late Companion, ASA HEWEY HODSON, the first Thrice Illustrious Master of the first Council in Oregon, now named in his honor, and he was the first Thrice *Ill.·.* Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oregon which he helped to organize in 1885, and died at McMinville, Oregon, on May 6, 1889, aged 58 years, 7 months and 5 days, universally regretted and mourned by the Craft in that State.

His son O. O. HODSON, Thrice Illustrious Grand Master in 1897 and 1898 also had his portrait in the back part of the proceedings a "Worthy Son of a Noble Sire." He knows the beginning and we know the ending of the Grand Masters of that Grand Council up to date. The Father and Son and the Holy Spirit of Freemasonry made them one. We never shall forget the latter, when he and the Brethren and Companions of McMinnville and Lafayette, came over to Dayton, and witnessed the meeting between our late Worthy Brother JOSEPH HALL, the first Master of a Lodge on the Pacific Coast *Multnomah* Lodge No. 1, at Oregon City, who accompanied us from California to meet and crown with laurel the first Mason made by him in that Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on Sept. 11th, 1848, and who had not met since that time until Sept. 10th, 1891, a period of 43 years the late Most Worshipful Past Grand Master and Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR 33°, one of the most beloved Masons that ever trod the earth.

The meeting of these two aged brethren and Companions and hanging on each other's neck and the tears flowing from the eyes of all present who witnessed it, made that room in Brother GEO. E. DETMERINGS the Most Holy Place indeed. Th. *Ill.·.* Comp. TAYLOR had received a stroke of paralysis, and was a cripple hardly able to stand, and the scene was like his receiving the Sublime Degree of Master Mason over again in treble reality. But both have reached the Supreme Ninth Arch in the heavens at last, like Thrice *Ill.·.* Comp. ASA H. HODSON and they are with the truly Royal and Select forever.

The mantle of the Father now rests upon the Son who has taken up the Gavel of Grand Master and continues the work in the Grand Secret Vault in the most creditable manner. We take the following from his address.

Illustrious Companions:—It affords me great pleasure to welcome you to the thirteenth annual assembly of our Grand Council. In again assembling around our sacred altar we renew our fraternal relation and associations with a pleasure known only to those upon whom the lessons taught under the ninth arch have made a deep and lasting impression. The duties of the present embrace a consideration of our past history, the conditions of to-day, and a wise and a prudent preparation for the future. The past is at least secure, and our success, although not so marked as in many of the more important jurisdictions, has been reasonably satisfactory, and I congratulate you that harmony and unity of action prevail, and that the current year has been fairly prosperous. Of the future it is our province to take such action as will prepare for greater advancement. While we to-day rejoice in health and prosperity, it is meet that we pause and extend words of sympathy to the families and friends of those who have penetrated the ninth arch, and for whom it is sealed forever. Oregon City No. 2 mourns the death of Companions J. R. Bryan and Elias Harris. Washington No 3 holds in tender memory the virtues of Companions J. W. Bushong, R. R. Hayes, and E. L. Holgate. These Companions were well known and highly esteemed for their many virtues, and, while they mingle with us no more in the arches of earth, we trust they are enjoying the felicity due to faithful laborers.

He sympathetically speaks of the dead of other Jurisdiction.

"SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

"There have been no new Councils organized during the year, hence to the 'original three' is still committed the banner of Cryptic Masonry in Oregon. Official reports will set forth in detail their condition, though we are pleased to add that complete harmony exists, and no occasion for the employment of a Committee of Grievance has occurred.

"RECOMMENDATION.

"The Grand Council has no law authorizing Subordinate Councils to exempt worthy Companions from the payment of dues, whereby the Council becomes exempt from the payment of Grand Council dues. I recommend that the subject be considered, and such action taken thereon as your best judgment may direct

"CONCLUSION.

"In laying aside the emblem of authority with which your fraternal preference clothed me a year ago, I beg to express to you my thanks and high appreciation of the honor. With me it has been a source of special satisfaction. My father, for whom *Hodson* Council, No. 1, is named, was its first *Ill.·.* Master, and he was also the first Illustrious Grand Master of this Grand Council; hence to have been thought worthy to follow in his footsteps and wear the honors so worthily worn by him, has been to my heart doubly dear. And as I retire to the ranks, where I trust I may ever be found a faithful worker, the Grand Council and its interests will ever be among my first considerations. Again, my Companions, I thank you.

O. O. HODSON,
Grand Master.

The Committee to whom his address was referred paid the Grand Master a high tribute of praise for the manner in which he had performed the

duties of the office, and that Grand Council, deeming that one good term deserved another, re-elected Thrice Illustrious O. O. Hodson Grand Master for another term,

Ill.·. Comp. Seth L. Pope, the Representative of California, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

1898.

The fifty-second Annual Assembly of the *M.·. P.·.* Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of the State of Pennsylvania was held in Masonic Hall, Wilkesbarre, Tuesday, February 22, A. D. 1898, A. Dep., 2898.

M.·. P.·. Charles Cary, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. P.·.* Comp. Joshua L. Lyte, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twenty-two Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 1,833, being a loss of 61 during the year, 47 of which was occasioned by the suspension of the Warrant of Scranton Council No. 44. Twelve Councils were represented.

The address of *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master *Ill.·.* Comp. Charles Cary exhibits perfect knowledge of the duties of his office, that he has been a diligent, zealous and painstaking officer, and that his duties have been faithfully and well performed. While giving due credit to the District Deputy Grand Masters for what they have done, he says;

"Yet we are not able to report that this particular branch of Masonry has attained that state of activity which its importance merits and deserves. Some Councils flourish while others languish. The latter, as we believe, might be made more active and prosperous by the exercise of greater zeal and ardor on the part of the officers and members. It is the thought of many that the Cryptic Degrees should be made a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, but the Grand Encampment has not so decreed and it is not for us to question its wisdom. It would appear that the Degrees themselves are of sufficient interest and importance for the Councils to flourish without any such aid, if those in possession of them had sufficient zeal and earnestness to properly urge their dissemination. Many Masons do not appear to even know of the existence of such a body as the Council, or that any important omission has been made in their Masonic education. It is your mission, Illustrious Companions, to present this information to your uninformed Brethren, and to offer them a share in our teachings. Initiation in Masonry must be sought by the profane; having been gained, it is the province of the elder Brother to lead the younger to a participation in all the various branches going to make up the full Masonic character. The Councils will flourish or fall into decay as you shall encourage or neglect them. You each know some Companion who would gladly receive a part in our mysteries if the subject were properly presented to him, and it is your duty to him and to your Council to so present it.

CONCLUSION.

"Illustrious Companions, in surrendering this high office to my most worthy successor I am fully sensible of my own shortcomings in its administration. The lives of all of us are fraught with the best intentions, but in their fulfillment we often fall far short of the goal for which we aim. The duties of the position have not been severely arduous, yet the amount of correspondence involved has been considerable. I much regret that my year of service has not been one of greater activity and progress. I have,

however, striven to do my duty and to uphold the honor and dignity of our institution.

"Feeling deeply sensible of the high honor conferred, and truly grateful for your confidence and support, we hope and pray that the future of the Grand Council may be more bright and glorious than the past; that it may go on fulfilling its mission and teaching its lessons of reverence to God and love to the brethren. May He ever have you in His holy keeping and shed down upon you His richest blessings."

We are exceedingly sorry to learn that *Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES E. STEVENSON retired from the pie-counter and who wanted to serve us with pie. The Report on Correspondence is written by *Ill.·.* JOEL S. EABY, who was appointed to this duty by the Grand Master, as Comp. STEVENSON was not able this year to perform it. But the son of PETHUEL (God's opening) JOEL (Jehovah is might) was, however, equal to the task, and though he did not come to the work like JOEL the Prophet and proclaim "Gird yourselves and lament, ye priests, howl, ye ministers of the altar," but took up his pen and went to work and wrote encouragingly as JOEL spake, "Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith," and in the case of the Grippe, he would add a little Old Monongahela, to be used lightly if Comp. JOSHUA L. LYTE, the Grand Recorder, would draw up a requisition on the Commissary.

The report, however, reviews the proceedings of twenty-nine Councils in seventeen and a half pages, giving to California twenty lines, or not quite half a page, which is a mere cursory glance, but an approving one, of our Grand Master *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS. He scarcely wet his feet in the edge of the stream of correspondence after taking off his shoes, neither of which did he give to his neighbor to confirm all things he had written; but concludes:

CONCLUSION.

"My task is ended. Owing to the brief time I have had for the preparation of this report I know it will prove disappointing to those who have been accustomed to reading the reports of our chairman on Foreign Correspondence, Comp: JAMES E. STEVENSON, whom we trust will find himself able to take up the work another year, and then we know the report will get the work it so richly deserves.

"JOEL S. EABY,
"For the Committee."

So *Ill.·.* Comp. JOEL has promised "And the floors shall be full of wheat and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil." Well, we will take you at your word, but we hope that Comp. STEVENSON next year will not use oil for shortening in the crust of the pie nor stuff it with gooseberries or snitz. We shall welcome him back again to the tripod, and if he does not use coal oil in his kitchen we may look for something edible on his pie counter. We hope that when he returns he will not be James the Less.

The Grand Omnific Word not only shines overhead in the east of that Grand Council, but also occupies the Oriental chair. *M.·. P.·.* Comp. SAMUEL S. YOHE was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. P.·.* Comp. JOSHUA L. LYTE re-elected Grand Recorder.

RHODE ISLAND.

1896, 1897, 1898.

The thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth Assemblies of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Rhode Island were held in the several Masonic halls in Providence on April 14, 1896, April 13, 1897, and April 12, 1898, respectively, and duly presided over by *M.·. Ill.·.* Comps. HORACE S. RICHARDSON and ENOS A CLARK in the order accordingly, and *Ill.·.* Comp. WM. R. GREENE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are five Councils in this Jurisdiction and the membership in 1896 1,254, in 1897 1,276, in 1898 1,355, being an increase for those years of 39, 22 and 79, respectively. All the Councils were represented. *Ill.·.* Comp. ROBERT S. FRANKLIN, the Representative of California, being present.

The proceedings of this Grand Council, it being but a small territorial Jurisdiction, are published only once in three years, when all three Annual Assemblies and their transactions for their several years are published in a pamphlet containing 61 pages, including the Reports on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. HORACE S. RICHARDSON, Grand Master, in his address in 1896 said:—

"*Illustrious Companions:*—We meet this day in Annual Assembly under very unfortunate circumstances. Our beautiful Temple, which, since its completion, has been the Home of this Grand Council, was entirely destroyed by fire on the morning of March 19th. The loss to the fraternity not only of this city but in fact to the whole Masonic fraternity of this State is irreparable, containing as it did many articles of historic interest to the craft which can never be replaced. All the property of this Grand Council, with the exception of six of the jewels found in the ruins, consisting of jewels, collars and aprons were lost, and we are to-day indebted to *Pawtucket* Council for the use of theirs at this Assembly, and also to the brethren of *Adelphoi* Lodge for a place to hole our Annual Assembly.

DECISIONS AND DISPENSATIONS.

"I have been called upon for no decisions during the year just past, peace and harmony prevailing among the craft, and have issued two dispensations, both to *Pawtucket* Council, one to change their regular from February 3d, to February 10th, to enable me to make them an official visitation, my official duties in another body preventing my doing so on the first named date. The other to change their regular from April 6th to April 2d, they having very generously offered their regular night and the use of their rooms to another Masonic body of Providence, who by the destruction of the Temple were deprived of a place to hold their meeting in."

This was a sad loss to that Grand Council and it has our sincere sympathy in its misfortune. Too bad for "Little Rhody." We hope ere long that it will have recovered from its ill luck. Behind a frowning Providence, *Pawtucket* will restore it if no one else does. As he was re-elected for another term, so in his second annual address he says:—

"*Companions of the Grand Council:*—One year ago you placed me in the position of *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master of this Grand Council, and it now becomes my duty to give you a record of my official actions during the year.

"It is with pleasure I welcome you to this the thirty-seventh Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, and also to be able to report that peace and harmony prevails in all the Councils.

"Our meeting one year ago was held soon after the destruction of our Temple, in which this Grand Council lost nearly all of its jewels, aprons and collars (six of the jewels only being recovered from the ruins). I have had these jewels repaired, and have replaced those missing with new ones, and have also replaced the aprons and collars. The bill for aprons and collars has been paid. The one for the jewels will come before the Grand Council to-day."

He gives a good account of his stewardship, and all of his acts were approved, for which he received the thanks of that Grand Council.

At the thirty-eighth Annual Assembly *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. ENOS A. CLARK, Grand Master, delivered a very brief address, scarcely covering two pages, giving an account of the transactions of his office. He had visited two Councils and commends their work. He had made no decisions. He had issued two dispensations and approved new by-laws and amendments.

At the request of *M.·. I.·. G.·. M.·.* WILLIAM L. SHOCKEY he had issued to *M.·. I.·. P.·. G.·. M.·.* WILLIAM MCGREW a commission to be the representative Grand Council of Rhode Island, near the Grand Council of Colorado and in turn had received a like commission from that Grand Council near his own. Evidently he has faith in the honor and word of *Ill.·.* Comp. MCGREW, notwithstanding the action of the General Grand Council. The Grand Council of Colorado may yet have a cause of action of MCGREW *vs.* MOSDHURST, and when once placed on the calendar we shall watch the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry or trial with interest.

The Report on Correspondence is by our *Ill.·.* and Rev Comp. HENRY W. RUGG covers but eleven pages, and as he says, "the present writer can only attempt to express running comments upon a few matters which have been brought to his attention by reading a considerable number of the Proceedings of sister Councils which have passed under his notice." Not over eight Grand Councils receive any mention and California is not of the number, and five of them are Independent Grand Councils, and as "Little Rhody" is also "Independent," it is but natural that they should receive his chief attention.

Ill.·. Comp. OSGOODBY is opposed to "tinkering with the Ritual," but *Ill.·.* Comp. RUGG is opposed to a *Tinker* being ritualed, and he goes for Grand Master *Ill.* HARVEY A. MCKILLIP of Pennsylvania as follows:

"But another question has recently arisen which will naturally call for the two classes to whom we have alluded to range themselves on opposite sides. Pennsylvania, by its Grand Master, Comp. HARVEY A. MCKILLIP, claims the exercise of all the prerogatives of the Grand Master of Masons, in behalf of the Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite within the given Jurisdiction. This is the claim of ancient prerogatives, as asserted by Grand Master MCKILLIP, at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council heretofore noticed:

'"With Comp KNAPP's assistance, and by virtue of the powers and prerogatives vested in me, I conferred the Council degrees "at sight" on Rev. WILLIAM MARSH TINKER, a duly qualified Companion.'

"We do not believe that any such vesting of powers attaches to the office of the Grand Master of a Grand Council. While we do hold to the utmost of prerogatives, even to the making of a Mason at sight, under certain limitations, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in a Jurisdiction, we do not think that any such authority belongs to the presiding officer of a Grand Council or a Grand Chapter."

He closes his brief report with a glowing tribute to the Cryptic Rite in particular, and to Freemasonry in general.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. CHARLES B. MANCHESTER was elected Grand Master and *Ill.* Comp. WILLIAM R. GREEN re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

1899.

The Forty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Tennessee was held at Freemasons Hall, in the City of Nashville, on Monday, January 23, A. D. 1899, Anno Dep. 2899.

M.·. Ill.·. CHARLES COMSTOCK, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* W. D. CLENDENING, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twenty-one councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 599 on its rolls. Fifteen councils were represented.

Tennessee, Alabama and Texas are the three mothers of Cryptic Masonry in California and Tennessee, having been the first to plant it here in 1853, at Sacramento, and organizing *Sacramento* Council No. 1, by our late *R.·. W.·.* Brother and *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. TOWNSEND A. THOMAS, whom we knew long and well at that city in the early fifties, until he returned to Tennessee, we give particular attention to this jurisdiction, as Nashville is the home of our beloved *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL.

The address of *M.·. Ill.·.* CHAS. COMSTOCK, Grand Master, exhibits a thorough knowledge and performance of his duties, yet he expresses himself as "having come far short of performing the duties devolving upon him, and of what he hoped to do," and further says:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

"One thing I have cause to seriously regret, not only this year, but for several years past: that is the lack of harmony and consistency between the ritualistic work of the lodge, chapter and council in Tennessee.

"More than four years of experience in the lecture work in this State, and having occasion, frequently, to compare our work with that of other States and countries, have convinced me that the Blue Lodge work and lectures in Tennessee are equal to, if not superior, in harmony, consistency and purity of diction to those of other jurisdictions. And yet there is, what appears to me, to be a useless lack of uniformity between them and the lectures and work of the Capitular and Cryptic degrees. Not for one moment would I think of modifying the work of the lodge to fit the chapter and council. The Symbolic degrees form the corner-stone of the whole system, and the fault is not with them, but rather with the petty variations and general imperfections of the chapter and council ritualism.

"Why can we not harmonize them here in this Grand Jurisdiction, even if we have to discard the work set forth by the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council and adopt a work for Tennessee that shall coincide *verbatim et literatim* (and as one good brother has aptly said: "*et spell at um*"), with the Blue Lodge work. It would make our work far more pleasing to the ear, and much easier for the zealous companion who finds it necessary to work all along the line. I earnestly recommend that this Grand Council appoint a Committee on Revision of Ritual, to confer with a similar committee from the Grand Chapter, and with the custodians of the Grand Lodge, and recommend such changes in the verbiage of our work at the next Annual Assembly, as will bring about a thorough uniformity between these bodies."

It is upon this very subject of the ritual of not only the Cryptic Rite, but also of the Royal Arch, which needs a most radical and thorough change in order to accord with the actual facts of history. Masonic legends, to teach by symbolism its sublime lessons, should be founded upon truth—which it pretends to teach—and not upon a false basis contrary to the well-known facts established by religious and profane history. As the General and other Grand Councils are remodeling their rituals, and the General Grand Master himself is one of the committee in the General Grand Council to revise its ritual, and he being also of Tennessee, we desire to especially call his attention to the subject, in which every Royal Arch Mason and every Royal and Select Master who loves truth for truth's sake, is, and should be, vitally interested. We agree with *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. Osgood about "tinkering with the ritual," but when it is so absolutely untruthful in its legendary account, and contrary to history, it ought to be entirely remodeled in accordance with truth, or at least Cryptic Masonry, which has been altered and changed from the Scottish Rite to adapt it to the American Royal Arch work, is made to perpetuate a false legend, and the bungling work of ignorant tinkers of rituals, formulated by equally ignorant inventors, and continued.

We have no ritual to present, either newly made or the amendment of an old one; we leave that where it properly belongs—with the committees of the various Grand Councils that have the matter in charge.

We refer directly to the actual history and the contents of the Ark of the Covenant. The ritual and the description, with the lessons connected with it, are totally at variance with the truth.

When the Ark of the Covenant was placed in the Temple by King Solomon there was nothing in it but the two tables of stone, which were the Testimony or Book of the Law, and there was no other book of the law in it. There was no copy of the Ark made, nor was there any Ark of the the Covenant whatever used in the second Temple of Zerubbabel at all, nor in the third Temple, that of Herod, and there was nothing whatever of the sort discovered or found. The mistake is made in attempting to carry the Ark of the Covenant and its contents, as set up in the Tabernacle in the wilderness by Moses, in the same condition through all of its transportation through the wilderness, during its capture and release by the Philistines, to its being placed in the Temple by Solomon, and attempting to carry it through to the time of the dedication of the second Temple under Zerubba-

bel when it was no longer in existence. With the exception of the two tables of stone it had been robbed of its contents long before it was placed in the first Temple. The pot of manna, Aaron's rod, and the gold mice and the gold hemorhoids placed there by the Philistines; and when during the fifth year of the reign of Rehoboam, the son and successor of King Solomon, Jerusalem was invaded and captured by Shishak, King of Egypt, both the Holy Writings, as well as Josephus, state: "So Shishak, King of Egypt, came up against Jerusalem and took away the treasure of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the King's house; *he took all;* he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made."

In Josephus' account of the destruction of the Temple and the decree of King Cyrus of Persia on permitting it to be rebuilt, it says: "Some are of opinion that among the sacred things which Cyrus ordered to be restored the Ark was one; but it nowhere appears that this Ark was carried from Jorusalem to Babylon. They tell us, indeed, that in the second Temple sacrifices were offered, as in the first, and all solemn days observed, especially the great day of expiation, when the law ordained that the blood should be sprinkled before the mercy seat; and the mercy seat, say they, was part of the Ark; but besides that, the Ark, without the Shechinah or divine glory (which was then withdrawn), would have been of no great significance; *the Jews universally acknowledged that the Ark was one of the five things that were wanting in the second Temple.*"

There were holy vessels to replace those taken away repeatedly by the conquering armies of various nations which overran Judea and took possession of Jerusalem, but there was no Ark of the Covenant after Shishak, the King of Egypt, had pillaged the Temple and Jerusalem soon after the death of Solomon; "*he took all.*"

We commend to the Committee on Ritual to read the iv., v., vi. and vii. chapters of the First Book of Samuel and chapter xi., book v., and chapter i. of book vi. of Josephus' Antiquities of the Jews, as worthy of their attention.

The Philistines having captured the Ark of the Covenant in battle which caused the immediate death of Eli, the High Priest, they took it to their own country and were very glad to get rid of it as will be seen. The following is Josephus' account in Book VI Chapter I.

"When the Philistines had taken the Ark of the Hebrews, they carried it to the city Ashdod, and put it there by their own god who was called Dagon, as one of their spoils. But when they went into the Temple the next morning, to worship their idol, they found him paying the same worship to the Ark, for he lay prostrate, as having fallen down from the basis whereon he had stood. So they took him up, and set him on his basis again, and were much troubled at what had happened. And as they frequently came to Dagon, and found him still lying along in a posture of adoration to the Ark, they were in very great distress and confusion. At length God sent a very destructive disease upon the city and country of Ashdod; for they died of the dysentery a very sore distemper, that brought death upon them very suddenly; for before they could, as usual in easy deaths, be well loosed from the body, they brought up their entrails, and vomited up what they had eaten, and what was entirely corrupted by the disease. And as to the fruits

of their country, a great multitude of mice arose out of the earth and hurt them; and neither the plants nor the fruits."

Now while the people of Ashdod were under these misfortunes and were not able to support themselves under their calamities, they perceived that they suffered thus because of the Ark; and that the victory they had gotten, and their having taken the Ark Captive, had not happened for their good. They therefore sent to the people of Ascolon, and desired that they would receive the Ark among them. This desire was not so disagreeable to those of Ascolon; so they readily granted it; but when they had gotten the Ark, they were in the same miserable condition; for the Ark carried along with it the disasters that the people of Ashdod had suffered, to those who received it from them. Those of Ascolon, also sent it away to others; who, being pursued by the same disasters again sent it to the neighboring cities. So that the Ark went round, after this manner, to the five cities of the Philistines; as though it exacted these disasters as a tribute for its coming among them.

"When those that had experienced these miseries were tired out with them and when those that heard of them were taught thereby not to admit the Ark among them, since they paid so dear a tribute for it, at length they sought for contrivance how they might get free from it. So the governors of the five cities, Gath, Ekron, Ascolon, Gaza, and Ashdod, met together, and considered what was fit to be done. And at the first they thought proper to send the Ark back to its own people; as allowing that God had avenged its cause, that the miseries they had undergone came along with it, and that those were sent on their cities upon its account, and together with it. However there were those that said, they should not do so, nor suffer themselves to be deluded, as ascribing the cause of their miseries to it; because it could not have such power and force upon them. For had God had such a regard to it, it would not have been delivered unto the hands of men. So they exhorted them to be quiet and to bear what has befallen them, and to suppose there was no other cause for it but nature, which at certain revolutions of time produces such mutations in th bodies of men, in the earth, in plants and in all things that grow out of the earth. But the Counsel that prevailed over those already described, was that of certain men, who were believed to have distinguished themselves in former times for their understanding and prudence, and who in their present circumstances, seemed above all the rest to speak properly. These men said, it was not right either to send the Ark away, or to return it; but to dedicate five golden images. (That is gold castings in the form of emerods or hemorhoids or piles,) one for every city, as a thank offering to God, on account of his having taken care of their preservation, and having kept them alive when their lives were likely to be taken away by such distempers, as they were not able to bear up against.

They would also have them make five golden mice like those that had devoured and destroyed their country; to put them in a bag, and lay them upon the Ark; to make a new cart, also, for it, and to yoke milch kine to it, but to shut up their calves and keep them from them, lest by following after them they should prove a hindrance to their dams, and that the dams might return the faster out of a desire of those calves; then to drive these milch kine that carried the Ark, to leave it in a place where three ways meet, and to leave the kine to go along which of those ways they pleased; that in case they went to the Hebrews, and ascended to their country, they should suppose that the Ark was the cause of their misfortunes, but if they turned into another road, they should pursue after it and conclude that it had no such force.

"So they determined that these men spake well, and they immediately confirmed their opinion by doing accordingly. And when they had done as hath been already described, they brought the cart to a place where three

ways met and left it there. But the kine went the right way, as if some persons had driven them, while the rulers of the Philistines followed, as desirous to know where they would stand still and whither they would go. Now there was a certain village of the tribe of Judah, called Beth-shemesh, and to that village did the kine go; and, although there was a great and good plain before them to proceed in, they went no further, but stopped the cart there. This was a joyful sight to those of that village, and they were very glad; for it being then summer time, and all the inhabitants being then in their fields, gathering in their fruits, they left off the labors of their hands for joy, as soon as they saw the Ark, and ran to the cart; and taking the Ark down and the vessel that had the images in it and the mice, they set them upon a certain rock which was in the plain. And when they had offered a splendid sacrifice to God and feasted, they offered the cart and the kine as a burnt-offering. And when the lords of the Philistines saw this they returned back.

"But now it was that the wrath of God overtook them and struck seventy persons dead of the village of Bethshemesh; who, not being priests, and so not worthy to touch the Ark, had approached to it. Those of that village wept for these that thus suffered, and made such lamentation as was naturally to be expected of so great a misfortune as was sent from God; and every one mourned for his own relation. And since they acknowledged themselves unworthy of the Ark's abode with them, they sent to the public senate of the Israelites and informed them that the Ark was restored by the Philistines. Which, when they knew, they brought it away to Kirjathjearim, a city in the neighborhood of Bethshemesh. In this city lived one Abinadab, by birth a Levite, and who was greatly commended for his righteous and religious course of life; so they brought the Ark to his house, as to a place fit for God himself to abide in, since therein did inhabit a righteous man. His sons, also ministered to the Divine service at the Ark, and were the principal curators of it for twenty years, for so long it continued in Kirjathjearim, having been but four months with the Philistines."

Thus the Ark remained there until brought up to Jerusalem, where David provided a tabernacle for it, where it remained in charge of Obed Edom, at the hill of Gibeon, and until King Solomon placed it in the Temple.

Evidently there was a very powerful electric battery concealed within the Ark of the Covenant, and the secret was kept within the knowledge of the Priesthood. It was a magnet sufficient to throw down the metallic god Dagon, a half man and half fish—a merman—worshiped by the Philistines. But who got the golden emerods, hemorhoids or piles, and the golden mice, as well as Aaron's rod and the pot of manna, all history, sacred and profane, is absolutely silent upon. At any rate, the Scriptures and Josephus are agreed that when the Ark of the Covenant was placed in King Solomon's Temple there was nothing in it but the two tables of stone, or the Ten Commandments, on which was graven the True Word in His first declaration: "I AM THE LORD THY GOD, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt and out of the house of bondage," and all which follows in relation to His Holy Name, etc. And as we have already stated, the Ark of the Covenant was taken by Shishak, the King of Egypt, when he pillaged Jerusalem and the Temple, "*he took all.*"

Hence, we commend in the revision or remodelling of the Rituals of both the Royal Arch Chapter and of the Council of Royal and Select Masters, that

they may be made to conform to the truth of history, and not distort and present that to the minds of intelligent men which is absurd and ridiculous, and directly contrary to the truth. In the Hebrew Degrees of the Scottish Rite no such foolish anachronisms occur. These Degrees can be made right beautiful and sublime, if placed in the proper hands of those who will take these facts of history into account, and those who still persist in representing error instead of the truth ought to be troubled as the Philistines were, until they do teach the truth.

We thus commend these facts to the attention of our General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL, and as we tell Royal Arch Masons that they have not reached perfection, and when we endeavor to make them so, let us do it right, as we should. We thus leave these matters to be considered.

The Grand Council of Tennessee elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. T. W. CRUTCHER Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. W. A. GLENDENNING was re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

1898.

The forty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Burlington, on Tuesday, the 14th day of June, A. D. 1898, A. Dep. 2898.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* DON A. STONE, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are nineteen Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 974, being a loss of 87 during the year just closed. Eighteen Councils were represented. *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE W. WING, Representative of California was present.

The address of the Grand Master is full of wisdom and knowledge, and exhibits a familiarity with the duties of his exalted station, which have been well performed. There is a slight difference of statement in his address and that of the report of the Grand Recorder. He says:

"I am glad to report a good degree of interest in the Cryptic Rite, and an increase is noted with pleasure."

The returns of his Jurisdiction show a loss of eighty-seven, or nearly nine per cent. But perhaps he spoke in a general sense and did not refer to the maple sugar State of Vermont.

Of the Cryptic Rite he speaks most ably and truly as follows:

"These degrees are as beautiful and their teachings as important and instructive as any degrees in Freemasonry. If they are worth having at all they are worth paying for. I believe more candidates will petition for the Cryptic degrees if the fee is ten dollars than if it is five.

"Early in our Masonic life we are taught that 'Masonry is a progressive science,' and that 'as we advance in knowledge our obligations to ourselves and to our brethren correspondingly increase.'

"The legend of the Third degree is an expression of man's belief in the mortality of the body and the immortality of the soul, which belief is again exemplified in the Royal Master degree, when our Grand Master Hiram the Builder expresses his unfaltering trust in the life to come.

"The Select Master degree teaches us that steadfast faithfulness receives its due reward, while the sleeping Abisha meets just punishment for his slothful negligence. The door of the secret vault is one through which we all must pass before we can look upon the treasures which the ninth arch contains.

"A man's admission to the Lodge must be a sequence to his own voluntary action, but having become a member of this great fraternity, it is ever the duty of the elder to lead the younger brother to higher heights of knowledge, to tell him of a light which he has not seen.

"The success or failure of Cryptic Masonry in Vermont does not depend upon legislation enacted once a year in Grand Council, but upon the individual efforts of every Cryptic Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"Attend the meetings of your Council, and give encouragement and assistance to the officers whom you elect each year.

"Let each Council member resolve himself into a committee of one to bring in one new petition for the degrees, and let him keep at work until the object of his resolution is accomplished. If this is done in every Council, prosperity will smile upon us, and the Cryptic Rite will be accorded its proper rank in the great system of Freemasonry."

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. MARSH O. PERKINS. This able correspondent gives a little more than a page to California. He commends the address of Grand Master WM. H. DAVIS in the most favorable manner, and especially his conclusion of the Helena Council No. 9, at Helena, Montana, and the General Grand Council matters. He further says:

"The Report on Correspondence is submitted by Comp. EDWIN A. SHERMAN, who reviews the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils in his characteristic manner, Vermont for 1896 receiving a courteous notice, with quotations from Grand Master Horton's address, and the remarks of this committee on the Colorado question.

In his review of Indiana, and quoting from the report of Comp. MORDHURST of that State on what he had to say about the General Grand Council, he says:

"Granted that what he says be true, we would be pleased to hear Comp. MORDHURST—and, for that matter, any other Companion - tell us what place of usefulness in the Masonic heaven, or earth, the General Grand now occupies. It may have a position as an ornamental appendage, and as such fill a place that might otherwise be an 'aching void.' Its triennials are grand reunions of jolly, good fellows and Companions, who delight in high-sounding titles and enjoy a junket, whether it comes by the way of the Secret Vault or otherwise. Its powers are limited; its rights few; its privileges of little value. In fact, if the General Grand should suddenly and utterly disappear as an organization, the Cryptic world would still move on along the lines of progress and development, and no part of it be the worse for the disappearance. But *nuf ced*. We await an answer.

In his review of New York he continues in same line of argument as follows:

"The Report on Correspondence—a valuable compendium of things done and said in the Cryptic world—is again submitted by *M.·. P.·.* GEO. M. OSGOODBY, Vermont for 1897 receiving brief but fraternal notice. Referring to our remarks *anent* the action of Connecticut in retaining her independence, he inquires, 'What's behind this feeling?' Nothing, Companion O.,

except the confirmed belief of the utter uselessness of the General Grand for any other than social purposes. And even for those purposes we firmly believe that the constituent Grand Bodies are 'paying dear for their whistle.' Meanwhile, Companion O., we look in vain for an answer to our queries of last year."

His remarks are evidently made from observation of the troubles in the Colorado imbroglio, which prevailed at the time he wrote the above. Evidently he is not in favor of expansion, but he must remember now that Bro. Admiral GEORGE DEWEY of Vermont did it at Manila, and the thing is done. We partly concur in Comp. PERKINS' conclusion; and if Colorado had continued to stay out, and fought the General Grand Council, and resisted its invasion of its territory, the questions he asks would be indeed pertinent and of deep meaning and interest to all. But we must pass on.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. CHARLES A. CALDERWOOD was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN.

1898.

We are indebted to *Ill.* Comp. MARSH O. PERKINS, the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence in the Grand Council of Vermont, for the following information concerning the Grand Council of Wisconsin, who says, "The proceedings of this Grand Council *are found in appendix to those of the Grand Chapter of the State.*

This will account why we did not receive them. He says:

"Eighteen councils appear to have been represented at the annual assembly, held in Milwaukee, February 15, J. A. SPRATLER, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master.

"The annual address is a brief disquisitisn on the intimate relation of the Cryptic degrees with those of Symbolic and Capitular Freemasonry, and the recital of the few official acts of the Grand Master.

"By action of Grand Council a charter was granted to *Wausau* Council, instituted during the year by dispensation of the Grand Master. Other business transacted included the following:

"'*Resolved*, That councils not making reports, which have paid dues, shall have the same refunded, and the companions of said councils notified that their organization must be maintained and regular reports made to the Grand Recorder, if they desire to remain upon the registry of the Grand Council; that in any case, upon application, a dispensation will be granted by the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, authorizing reorganization.

"The report of the Grand Recorder, *Ill.·.* Comp. JOHN W. LAFLIN shows that eighteen councils had duly made returns, giving a total membership of 987. His receipts for the year were $107.30; disbursements $33; balance in the treasury 118.65."

CONCLUSION.

The Cryptic Rite in general is improving, though, as will have been observed, in several jurisdictions there has been a falling off in membership. Harmony generally prevails, and the return of Colorado to its allegiance to its mother, the General Grand Council, has blunted the pens of sharp

reviewers, while the General Grand Master officially set aside the voluntary divorce and signed the marriage certificate of the new alliance. As there are still mooted questions which are not yet settled, we have presented the status of affairs, which is in relation to the numerals of the Colorado Grand Council, which still claims that they should be placed thus, IV. or 4, and the General Grand Council will hold to I or I, as to the number of its late annual assembly, which we have already given. As the ritual is the most important matter now to be considered, we have treated of that under the head of Tennessee—the home of our beloved General Grand Master *Ill.·.* BRADFORD NICHOL, with whom we have had the most fraternal and charming correspondence, which would have been here inserted, but for the flattering terms in which he has written of the chairman of your Committee on Correspondence.

Thus closes our Seventh Annual Report, which is most respectfully and fraternally submitted.

EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,

Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER:

AUG. WACKERBARTH,

LOS ANGELES.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,

SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTICE.

The Fortieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the sixteenth day of April, A. D. 1900, Anno Dep. 2900, at 10 o'clock A. M.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
Grand Recorder.

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R.·. I.·. WM. B. SCARBOROUGH, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, *Los Angeles;*
R.·. I.·. JOHN GOULD BISBEE,. { GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS, } *Auburn;*
R.·. I.·. FRANKLIN H. DAY,....GRAND TREASURER,.....*San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. WILLIAM A. DAVIES,..GRAND RECORDER,.....*San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. THOMAS KYLE,.....GRAND CHAPLAIN,.....*San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. JAMES B. MERRITT,..GRAND LECTURER,.....*Oakland;*
R.·. I.·. ALBERT H. MERRITT, { GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS, } ....*Oakland;*
R.·. I.·. DAVID M. SUTHERLAND, { GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL, } *Los Angeles;*
R.·. I.·. EDUARD KEIL,.....GRAND STEWARD,.....*Sonora;*
Ill.·. SAMUEL D. MAYER,...GRAND ORGANIST, ...*San Francisco;*
Ill.·. CHARLES E. GILLETT, GRAND SENTINEL, ...*Oakland.*

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

FORTIETH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California commenced its Fortieth Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Monday, the sixteenth day of April, A. D. 1900, A. Dep. 2900, at ten o'clock A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following:

The *M.·. Ill.·.* AUGUST WACKERBARTH,....*Grand Master;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* JACOB HART NEFF,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM B. SCARBOROUGH, *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,....*Grand Treasurer;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* WM. A. DAVIES, ...*Grand Recorder;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* THOMAS KYLE, ...*Grand Chaplain;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* JAMES B. MERRITT, ...*Grand Lecturer;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* JOHN GOULD BISBEE,.....*Grand Captain of the Guards;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* ALBERT H. MERRITT, ...*Grand Conductor of the Council,*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* DAVID M. SUTHERLAND, *as Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,...*Grand Organist;*
" *Ill.·.* CHARLES E. GILLETT, ...*Grand Sentinel.*

PAST GRAND MASTERS:

M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES.
M.·. Ill.·. FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS.
M.·. Ill.·. THOMAS KYLE.
M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE.

PAST GRAND MASTERS:

M.·. Ill.·. Edward Richards Hedges.
M.·. Ill.·. Daniel Potter Bystle.
M.·. Ill.·. Franklin Henry Day.
M.·. Ill.·. Charles Lord Field.
M.·. Ill.·. James Bestor Merritt.
M.·. Ill.·. William Frank Pierce.
M.·. Ill.·. George Penlington.
M.·. Ill.·. Henry Ascroft.
M.·. Ill.·. Robert Ash.
M.·. Ill.·. Charles Edwin Gillett.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS:

M.·. I.·. William Frank Pierce,.....Arkansas and Ohio;
M.·. I.·. Jacob H. Neff, ...Colorado;
M.·. I.·. Chas. Edwin Gillett,.....Connecticut and Rhode Island;
M.·. I.·. Robert Ash,..... .....Georgia;
M.·. I.·. William B. Scarborough, ...Illinois;
M.·. I.·. Wm. Hewson Davis,...Indiana, Ind. Territory and N. Carolina;
M.·. I.·. Henry Ascroft, ...Kansas;
M.·. I.·. Thomas Kyle,.....Kentucky;
M.·. I.·. Daniel P. Bystle, ...Maryland;
M.·. I.·. Franklin Henry Day, ...Massachusetts;
M.·. I.·. William Monroe Petrie,..... .....Michigan;
M.·. I.·. John Gould Bisbee, ...Minnesota;
M.·. I.·. George Penlington, ...Missouri;
M.·. I.·. Edward Richards Hedges,..New Hampshire and Pennsylvania;
M.·. I.·. James Bestor Merritt,.....South Carolina;
M.·. I.·. William Abraham Davies,.....Vermont;
M.·. I.·. John A. Britton, ...Maritime Provinces.

And the Representatives of nine chartered Councils, with several Past Thrice Illustrious Masters by service in this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being a constitutional number of Councils represented, the Grand Council of California was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain and music by the choir.

The Grand Master appointed the following named Companions a Committee on Credentials:—

Ill.·. Comp. David M. Sutherland,
Ill.·. Comp. Wm. Hewson Davis,
Ill.·. Comp. Geo. Penlington,
} *Committee.*

After a brief recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of chartered Councils, and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, as being present and entitled to seats, viz.:—

Sacramento, No. 1,—
GEORGE DUNN, Th. Ill. Master;
DANIEL HYMAN, Dep. Ill. Master;
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, EDWIN GLOVER, WM. HEWSON DAVIS, JAS. ELLSWORTH THOMPSON, } P. Th. Ill. Mas'rs.

California, ...No. 2,—
HENRY ASCROFT, Thrice Ill. Master;
ROBERT ASH, Dep. Ill. Master;
GEORGE PENLINGTON, Prin. Con. of the Works;
THOMAS KYLE, FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, GEORGE PENLINGTON, ROBERT ASH, HENRY ASCROFT, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Sonora,.....No. 5,— EDUARD KEIL, Principal Conductor of the Works, and Past Thrice Ill. Master.

Shasta,.....No. 6,— DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, Past Th. Ill. Master.

Stockton,.....No. 10,—
EDW. RICHARDS HEDGES, Th. Ill. Master;
WILLIAM A. DAVIES, EDWARD R. HEDGES, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Los Angeles,..No. 11,—
DAVID M. SUTHERLAND, Thrice Ill. Master;
J. F. HUGHES, proxy for Deputy Ill. Master and Principal Conductor of Works;
WM. B. SCARBOROUGH, Past Thrice Ill. Master.

Oakland,....No. 12,—
JOHN ALEXANDER BRITTON, Thrice Ill. Master;
EDMUND C. ROBINSON, Deputy Ill. Master;
GEORGE HENRY SMITH, as Prin. Con. of Works;
CHAS. EDWIN GILLETT, JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, EDWIN A. SHERMAN, AMASA WRIGHT BISHOP, ALEXANDER H. MERRITT, JOHN ALEX. BRITTON, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Gateway,....No. 13,—
JOHN GOULD BISBEE, Thrice Ill. Master;
JACOB HART NEFF, JOHN GOULD BISBEE, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Santa Ana,..No. 14,— JAMES DEAN WILDER, Deputy Ill. Master.

Which report was concurred in, and the Companions named therein were admitted to seats.

On motion of *Ill.·.* Comp. EDWIN A. SHERMAN, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following regular Committees:—

On Jurisprudence.

M.·. Ill.·. Comps. GEORGE PENLINGTON,
ROBERT ASH,
EDWARD R. HEDGES.

On Appeals and Grievances.

M.·. Ill.·. Comps. WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,
ALBERT H. MERRITT,
DAVID M. SUTHERLAND.

On Finance and Returns.

M.·. Ill.·. Comps. JAMES B. MERRITT,
WM. FRANK PIERCE,
EDUARD KEIL.

On New Councils.

R.·. Ill.·. Comps. WM. SCARBOROUGH,
WM. FRANK PIERCE,
EDUARD KEIL.

The Grand Master then delivered his Address, as follows:—

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:—

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California, we have assembled in annual session to review our labor of the year that has passed and to make provisions for the year that is to come. It is with pleasure that I extend a cordial and fraternal greeting and welcome each of you to this, our Fortieth Annual Assembly.

NECROLOGY.

No deaths have occurred in the membership of this Grand Council, and our own circle remains unbroken. Other jurisdictions report the following deaths:—

Companion JAMES A. HENRY, Arkansas, Grand Recorder, died April 25, 1899.

Companion WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Nebraska, Grand Recorder, died May 6, 1899.

Companion JAMES H. VAN HOOSE, Arkansas, Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, died May 6, 1899.

Companion ANDREW J. KAUFFMAN, Pennsylvania, Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, died May 19, 1899.

Companion FRANCIS MCFARLAND, Vermont, Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, died May 27, 1899.

Companion JOHN J. SUMPTER, Arkansas, Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, died June 22, 1899.

Companion GEORGE H. GREENE, Michigan, Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, died June 24, 1899.

Companion FRED C. HAWKINS, New Jersey, Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, died August 1, 1899.

Companion CHARLES R. BAGG, Michigan, Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, died August 17, 1899.

Companion CHARLES MORGAN JONES, Kansas, Deputy Grand Master, died August 21, 1899.

Companion DWIGHT PHELPS, Connecticut, Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, died September 6, 1899.

I recommend that suitable action be taken upon the death of our beloved Companions.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I nominated the following Companions to represent other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California, viz.:—

Companion H. S. ORME, *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, to represent the Grand Council of Tennessee.

Companion JOHN GOULD BISBEE, *Gateway* Council, No. 13, to represent the Grand Council of Minnesota.

Companion WILLIAM B. SCARBOROUGH, of *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, to represent the Grand Council of Illinois.

Companion JAMES WILLIAM TOWNER, of *Santa Ana* Council, No. 14, to represent the Grand Council of Nebraska.

Companion JOHN ALEXANDER BRITTON of *Oakland* Council, No. 12, to represent the Grand Council of The Maritime Provinces.

In accordance with requests from the Grand Masters of the States hereafter named, I have issued commissions to the following Companions, viz.:

Companion A. S. MYERS of Memphis for Tennessee.

Companion GEO. W. LININGER of Omaha for Nebraska.

Companion Hon. ARTHUR TRUEMAN of New Brunswick for The Maritime Provinces.

BY-LAWS.

Marysville Council, No. 3, requested permission to amend its By-Laws in regard to the Regulations of Dues, which appearing to me not contrary to Masonic law, was granted.

VISITATIONS.

In company with *Ill.·.* Companion WILLIAM B. SCARBOROUGH, Grand Principal Conductor of Works, I visited *Santa Ana* Council, No. 14 (October 17, 1899). The Royal and Select Master's degree was conferred on several candidates, the work was well done, and a very pleasant time was had.

April 13, 1900, I visited *Sacramento* Council, No. 1, which planted the first seed of Cryptic Masonry on the Pacific Coast. It still maintains its position as one of the leading Councils of the State. The work was done in a very impressive manner, a banquet followed and the *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master and Companions proved themselves admirable hosts. That patriarch in California Masonry, Comp. WM. M. PETRIE, P. G. M., was present and delivered a most impressive address upon the honored dead. No one who heard him went away without a new thought to work out. The *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master, Comp. GEORGE SINSABAUGH, of *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, being incapacitated by sickness from performing the duties of his office for the greater part of the year, his place has been very ably filled by Deputy *Ill.·.* Master DAVID M. SUTHERLAND, who deserves great credit for the admirable manner in which he performed all the work that came before him.

I also visited Stockton, and through the courtesy of Comp. P. G. M. HEDGES met many of the officers and Companions of that city. Owing to the inability to get the hall, it being rented to another organization, no meeting was held.

Owing to the inability of other Councils to obtain the hall on any other than their regular meeting night, and my own inability to attend on those nights, I have not been able to visit all the Councils that I wished to visit.

RITUAL.

According to the instructions of the Grand Council at its last session, the Ritual of the Super-Excellent Master's Degree has been put in cipher, making it conform with the work of the General Grand Council of the United States. Proof copies of the Ritual are submitted herewith.

I am advised by Comp. HENRY W. MORDHURST, General Grand Recorder, that the Ritual of the General Grand Council has been adopted by the Grand Councils of Colorado, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Oregon, Tennessee, Washington and New Brunswick (Canada). I hope the day will come when Masonic Law and Masonic Ceremony of every kind will be the

same all over the Masonic world. I therefore recommend, as a step in that direction, that this Grand Council also adopt the Ritual of the General Grand Council.

DISPENSATION.

On February 28, 1900, for what seemed to me good and sufficient reasons, I issued a dispensation to *Oakland* Council, No. 12, to elect and install officers at a Stated Assembly to be held March 29, 1900.

LAW.

No questions of law have been submitted to me for decisions.

This closes the record of my official acts. I cannot, however, hand over the gavel to my successor without referring to certain convictions, which my year of service has deeply impressed upon me. *Noblesse oblige.* Rank imposes obligation; the Master who tries to do his full duty must look below the surface if he would know the full significance of the symbols and the ceremonies intrusted to his keeping; the deeper he delves, the stronger will his conviction grow, that the system of philosophy represented by the symbols of Masonry is older, thousands of years older, than any date fixed by Masonic legend or Masonic allegory.

To-day modern Europe is composed of a dozen or more separate nations, each independent of every other, each working out its own destiny, and having its own mission to perform. Yet these nations once formed a part of the mighty Roman Empire. That Empire, as a political body, has gone to pieces. It was the slow growth of centuries; the various systems of national ethics, of jurisprudence, of religious thought, of customs and manners that entered into the life of the Roman people grew, in process of time, as grows Egypt's sacred symbol the onion, by layers, one over the other, each fitting itself to the requirements of its particular time and special locality. The political Empire that was held together by the power of the sword, that dominated the world by brute force, has disappeared from the list of nations.

That other Empire, the Empire of Thought, founded upon the evolution of the human mind, still lives, and exercises a controlling influence over every people in Europe. With slight modifications necessitated by time and place, the ancient Roman mind governs modern Europe, the Jus-civile is still the basis of modern jurisprudence, and the folk lore of the nations can be traced back to the time when the Roman Eagle was the emblem of the state.

I am convinced that the various branches of Masonry, tinctured though they be by Jewish history and Jewish allegory, separate as they now are in their various divisions, are yet parts of what was once a single mighty system of religious philosophy. Like the present nations that are the offshoots of the Roman Empire, our present Masonic systems are the offshoots of an older system that flourished long before the thoughts of men were recorded on the bricks of Assyria.

I am sometimes inclined to think that the difficulty and the immense labor and patience required in recording delicate shades of meaning, by means of the hieroglyphic method of writing, gave birth to symbols as a mode of expression. I am not sure, as I was taught when a boy that symbols and hieroglyphs were invented by the priests, for the sole purpose of communicating thoughts by a method that the common people could not understand. So far as history enlightens us, I cannot think that the priests were controlled by such motives. I believe that their whole study was devoted to the laws of nature, to the powers of the human body, and the laws that govern the human mind, to the solving of the question propounded by Job: "If a man die, shall he live again?" Such a method of life would tend, in the mind of the enquirers, to put all men upon one level in the presence of the CREATOR.

It would not next tend to make class distinctions, separated and graded as such distinctions always are, by various degrees of inequality. The difficulty of accurate detail in expression by glyphs would therefore help to explain the selections of symbols, that by common consent, in the spoken language, stood not for a single word but for an idea, or possibly a group of ideas. I am not acquainted with any symbol or any ceremony in any branch of Masonry that is inconsistent with this interpretation of the possible origin of symbolism. The entire Masonic story from start to finish has but one motive, tells but one tale, the interminable effort of the human mind to solve the mystery of the Universe, to make smoother the paths of men and to teach by the symbols that after the trials of this world eternal life will be the reward in the world to come.

The actual ceremonies that take place in a Masonic initiation have no rational significance in themselves if attempted to be interpreted by themselves; on the contrary, by such an interpretation they are for the most part senseless and absurd. By such an interpretation he who has eyes sees not, he who has ears hears not. But apply the language of symbolism to them, and at once we open a book, every letter and word and page in which blazes with brightest light, and "to him who hath shall be given" becomes a phrase shorn of all ambiguity.

A Masonic meeting of any kind should always be regarded as a school of instruction. For that reason the Master should hold as many meetings as possible, work or no work. In fact, the very best work is being done when enlightenment is being given to the Brethren, and I know of no more profitable or more agreeable "work" than an investigation of the real meaning of Masonic symbolism. Such investigation will prove to the thoughtful mind that the Mason who lives the life commanded by Masonic precepts cannot be remiss in any human duty. The Masonic life commands obedience to every law of ethics, the observance of which makes a man a better husband, a better father, a better brother, a better

friend, a better citizen. It inculcates all the qualities that go to the uplifting of the home of society and of the State.

AUGUST WACKERBARTH,
Grand Master.

On motion of *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion ROBERT ASH, the Address was referred to a committee of three, and the Deputy Grand Master named as such committee *M.·. Ill.·.* Companions WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, GEORGE PENLINGTON, and EDUARD KEIL.

The Grand Recorder presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council of California :—

In accordance with the law of Grand Council, I submit herewith my report of the transactions of the Grand Recorder's office since the last Annual Assembly, with an account of the receipts and expenditures for the same period and a summary of the work done by the several constituent Councils.

The Journal of Proceedings of the last Annual Assembly was issued as usual and the customary distribution made, being one copy to each Grand and Past Grand Officer, one to each of our Representatives near other Grand Councils, three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each of our constituent Councils.

Commissions have been issued by Grand Master WACKERBARTH to *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master Comp. A. S. MYERS, of Memphis, to represent this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Tennessee, and commissions appointing *R.·. Ill.·.* WM. BYRON SCARBOROUGH, Representative of the Grand Council of Illinois; *R.·. Ill.·.* JOHN GOULD BISBEE, Representative of the Grand Council of Minnesota, and *Ill.·.* JAMES WILLIAM TOWNER, Representative of the Grand Council of Nebraska near this Grand Council have been received at this office.

The Grand Master approved in August last an amendment to the By-Laws of *Marysville* Council, No. 3, providing for the payment of dues which had not heretofore been levied upon the membership of that Council.

The naming of a Committee on Correspondence having been overlooked at the last Annual Assembly, the Grand Master subsequently appointed *Ill.·.* Comps. EDWIN A. SHERMAN, ALBERT H. MERRITT and DAVID M. SUTHERLAND as such committee.

The receipts and expenditures of Grand Council for the year ending with the commencement of this Annual Assemby have been as follows:—

Sacramento	Council, No.	1	$110 00
California	" "	2	137 50

Marysville	Council,	No.	3	27 00
Sonora	"	"	5	28 00
Shasta	"	"	6	32 50
Helena	"	"	9	26 50
Stockton	"	"	10	32 50
Los Angeles	"	"	11	134 00
Oakland	"	"	12	82 50
Gateway	"	"	13	16 00
Santa Ana	"	"	14	24 00
Total dues received				$650 50
Also for dispensation to elect officers				5 00
For two diplomas				4 00
Total receipts				$659 50

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Twelve warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer for the aggregate amount of $806.

The work done by the several Councils shows a healthy increase over the preceding year, as the following abstract demonstrates:—

Number greeted during the year		102
Number restored		7
Number affiliated		3
		112
Number withdrawn	14	
Number suspended non-payment of dues	15	
Number died	19	
Number excluded	7	
	55	
Showing a net gain of		57—112

A dispensation was issued to *Oakland* Council, No. 12, authorizing said Council to hold an election for officers March 29th. The regular time for holding said election falling on a holiday prevented the attendance of a quorum and obliged them to ask the Grand Master for a dispensation to hold the election at a later date.

The Council is flourishing and adding to its membership in a ratio that promises to equal any of its elders.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
Grand Recorder.

On motion of *Ill.*. Comp. PETRIE, the report was referred to the Committee on Finance and Returns.

Ill.·. Comp. FRANKLIN H. DAY then presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California :—

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and disbursements since the last Annual Assembly:—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council R. & S. M. of California:—

1899.			
April 17.	To balance cash on hand		$ 666 98
1900.			
Feb. 20.	To received from Grand Recorder	$473 75	
April 3.	" " " " "	178 75	
" 12.	" " " " "	7 00	
	Receipts		659 50
			$1,326 48
1899.			
April 17.	By paid EDWIN A. SHERMAN, services as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Voucher No. 1	$ 65 00	
	" paid CHARLES E. GILLETT, services as Grand Sentinel, Voucher No. 2	7 50	
	" paid SAMUEL D. MAYER, services as Grand Organist, Voucher No. 3	7 50	
	" paid J. M. LITCHFIELD & Co., clothing and jewels for Grand Council, Voucher No. 4.	218 00	
	(Voucher No. 5 is void.)		
	" paid GEO. SPAULDING & Co., printing Proceedings Grand Council for 1899, Voucher No. 6	280 00	
	" paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, salary as Grand Recorder, Vouchers Nos. 7, 11 and 12	125 00	
	" paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, dues to General Grand Council, Voucher No. 8	5 50	
	" paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, for expenses Grand Recorder's office, Vouchers Nos. 9 and 13.	22 50	
	" paid AUGUST WACKERBARTH, appropriation for expenses of visitation, Voucher No. 10	75 00	
	Disbursements		806 00
1900			
April 16.	Balance cash on hand		$ 520 48

All which is respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Ill.·. Comp. EDWIN A. SHERMAN presented the report of the Committee on Correspondence, and on motion the report was referred to the Grand Council.

The Committee on New Councils reported having no business before them.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported having no business before them.

The Committee on the Address of the Grand Master reported as follows:—

To the Grand Council of California:—

Your committee to whom was referred the Address of the Grand Master, to consider its recommendations and apportion the various subjects mentioned therein to the appropriate committees, have given that interesting paper such attention as the limited time at their disposal permitted and submit their conclusions herewith.

Under the head of Necrology, the extended roll placed of record by the Grand Master forcibly reminds us of the rapidly approaching time when we too shall be "gathered in" with our Companions who have gone before.

We recommend that so much of the Address as refers to the fraternal dead be approved, and that the illustrious names reported be published in pages of the Journal set apart and devoted to the memories of the illustrious dead.

We recommend that the action of the Grand Master in the appointment of Representatives of this Grand Body near other Grand Councils be approved, and also his official action in his approval of the By-Laws of *Marysville* Council, No. 3, and in the issuance of his dispensation to *Oakland* Council to hold an election of officers at other than the usual time, as being within his province as the executive officer of the Grand Council during its recess.

Your committee are impressed with the deep interest taken by the Grand Master in the work of Cryptic Masonry, and with him hope that "the day will come when Masonic law and Masonic ceremony of every kind and degree will be the same throughout the Masonic world," and as a step in that direction we approve his recommendation "that this Grand Council adopt the Ritual of the General Grand Council."

We congratulate the Grand Master that no demand was made upon him for a decision or construction of Cryptic law.

The Grand Master reports that in accordance with the instructions of the Grand Council at its last Annual Assembly he had prepared the Ritual of the Super-Excellent Master's degree "in cipher," making it conform to

the work of the General Grand Council, proof copies of which are herewith submitted for the consideration of Grand Council.

Your committee recommend that his action be approved and that all matters connected with the dissemination of the work prepared be referred to a committee to consist of Illustrious Companions AUGUST WACKERBARTH, JAMES B. MERRITT and HENRY ASCROFT; that said committee procure the necessary number of copies and furnish one to each Council within the Jurisdiction.

Your committee desire to record their appreciation of the historical, philosophical disquisition of the Grand Master in this Address, and regret that the brief time at their disposal prevents a fuller mention of this able paper. Respectfully submitted,

WM. FRANK PIERCE,
GEORGE PENLINGTON,
EDUARD KEIL,
Committee.

Which report was concurred in and its recommendations adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Returns presented the following report:—

To the Grand Council of California:

Your committee on Finance and Returns beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer and find them correct, the accounts are properly kept, and the reported balance of $520.48 in the treasury.

Your committee recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

For salary of Grand Recorder	$125 00
" " " Grand Sentinel	7 50
" " " Grand Organist	7 50
" Chairman of Correspondence	65 00
" contingent expenses, Recorder's office	25 00
" printing Proceedings	250 00
" Grand Master's expenses in visitations	150 00
	$630 00

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,
WILLIAM F. PIERCE,
EDUARD KEIL,
Committee.

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JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,
WILLIAM F. PIERCE,
EDUARD KEIL,
Committee.

Which report was concurred in and the appropriations made as recommended.

The roll of Representatives of other Grand Councils was called and spirited responses made by Illustrious Companions ROBERT ASH, JACOB HART NEFF, WM. B. SCARBOROUGH, JOHN GOULD BISBEE, THOMAS KYLE and others.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that no business had been brought before them.

The annual election of officers for the ensuing year was held, the Grand Master first appointing *Ill.*·. Comps. DAVID M. SUTHERLAND and ALBERT H. MERRITT to act as tellers.

M.·. *Ill.*·. JACOB HART NEFF was elected Grand Master.

R.·. *Ill.*·. WM. BYRON SCARBOROUGH was elected Deputy Grand Master.

R.·. *Ill.*·. JOHN GOULD BISBEE was elected Principal Conductor of the Works.

R.·. *Ill.*·. FRANKLIN H. DAY was re-elected Grand Treasurer.

R.·. *Ill.*·. WILLIAM A. DAVIES was re-elected Grand Recorder.

After a brief recess the Grand Master-elect announced the appointment of the following officers:

For Grand Chaplain, *Ill.*·. THOMAS KYLE.

For Grand Lecturer, *R.*·. *Ill.*·. JAMES B. MERRITT.

For Grand Captain of the Guards, *Ill.*·. ALBERT H. MERRITT.

For Grand Conductor of the Council, *Ill.*·. DAVID M. SUTHERLAND.

For Grand Steward, *Ill.*·. EDUARD KEIL.

For Grand Organist, *Ill.*·. SAMUEL D. MAYER.

For Grand Sentinel, *Ill.*·. CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT.

He also named as the Committee on Correspondence for the ensuing year *Ill.*·. Comp. AMASA WRIGHT BISHOP, *R.*·. *Ill.*·. Comp. GEORGE PENLINGTON, *Ill.*·. Comp. EDWIN GLOVER.

The officers for the ensuing year elected and appointed were then installed in their respective stations by *M.*·. *Ill.*·. AUGUST WACKERBARTH, Grand Master, assisted by Past Grand Master JAMES BESTOR MERRITT as Master of the Ceremonies.

The business of the session having been concluded, the minutes of the session were read and approved and Grand Council closed in *Ample Form.*

A true copy of the Proceedings of the Fortieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, held in the City of San Francisco, April 16, 1900, and of the year of the Deposit 2900.

Witness my signature, with the seal of our Grand Council, and the attestation thereunto of our Grand Recorder.

JACOB HART NEFF,
Grand Master.

Attest:
WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
Grand Recorder.

LIST OF THE CONSTITUENT COUNCILS,

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1900.

	Names of Councils.	No. of Council.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
1	Sacramento	1	11	....	1	2	....	2	.....	....	....	198	$110 00
2	California	2	17	....	1	8	3	1	.....	....	9	241	137 50
3	Marysville	3	....	....	....	1	....	12	.....	....	2	54	27 00
*	Sierra Nevada	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
4	Sonora	5	5	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	1	46	28 00
5	Shasta	6	7	....	....	....	....	....	.....	...	1	51	32 50
*	Virginia	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
*	Yreka	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
6	Helena	9	1	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	1	51	26 50
7	Stockton	10	....	....	1	....	....	....	.....	...	2	65	32 50
8	Los Angeles	11	30	2	2	1	....	....	.....	....	1	208	134 00
9	Oakland	12	25	1	2	..	4	....	.....	....	2	115	82 50
10	Gateway	13	....	....	....	....	.	....	.....	....	....	32	16 00
11	Santa Ana	14	6	....	....	2	....	....	.....	....	....	36	24 00
			102	3	7	14	7	15	.....	....	19	1097	$650 50

*Charter surrendered.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

A. D. 1900, A. Dep. 2900.

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL, No. 1.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

George Dunn, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Daniel Hyman, *Dep. Ill. Master*,
Thomas Joseph Hesson, *P. C. W.*,
William Monroe Petrie, *Treasurer*,
Edwin Glover, *Recorder*,
William Albert Stephenson, *C. of G'd*,
William Hewson Davis, *Conductor*,
Rasmus Peter Nielson Dreyer, *Stew'd*,
Cephas Charles Olney, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Monroe Petrie, *P. G. M.*,
John William Rock, *P. G. M.*,
Edwin Glover,
John Hurley,
William Hewson Davis,
Harry Ingham,
Richard Vaughan,
Richard Palmer Burr,
Alexander John Gardiner,
David Farr,
Louis Cyrus Schindler,
William Alexander January,
Charles Richard Goss,
James Elsworth Thompson.

SELECT MASTERS:

Alexander, Robert
Alltucker, Henry
Baker, Alfred Septimus
Baldwin, William Hedges
Barton, Charles Thomas
Bassett, William Walter
Bittancourt, Thomas Maria
Block, Maurice
Book, Franklin Weaver
Booth, Albert Porch
Boyd, John Walter
Breuner, John
Breuner, Louis Frederick
Burchard, James Philo
Burnham, James Henry
Bush, George Thomson

Carlson, Charles Alfred
Carroll, Edgar Barclay
Carroll, Harry Winans
Casselli, Ansono
Champlin, Nelson
Chapman, Bernard Henry
Chapman, George Warren
Chrisman, Elmer Judson
Church, William Smithers
Clark, George Harvey
Clark, Jerome Franklin
Clemons, William Strong
Cohn, Edward Francis
Conoway, George Winfield
Coolidge, Isaac Baldwin
Coppersmith, Michael Thomas
Cothrin, William Kip
Cox, Thomas Jones
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cunningham, John Austin
Dale, Richard
Davis, James Gilliland
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Derman, George Louis
Dierssen, George Ernest August
Dixon, William Henry
Douglas, William Wallace
Dresbach, William
Dresher, Valentine
Eppinger, Herman
Ettlinger, Bernard
Fleming, Frank
Fox, Thomas
Foye, William Robinson Smith
Frahm, Claus
Frates, Frank
Frazer, Thomas
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Frommelt, Hugo
Gable, Harvey Clinton
Gagnon, Alfred
Gallatin, Albert
Gardner, Charles Francis
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew, Jr.
Gillis, Dougald
Graham, Louis Edgar
Gray, Alexander Isaac
Gray, Arthur Irvine
Gruhler, John
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Mosheim Schumacher
Haynes, Edward
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, Wilbur Mark
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Heisen, Charles, Jr.
Heintzelman, Taylor Washington
Heitman, John Henry
Herzog, Philip
Hollister, Charles Edwin
Hollister, Dwight
Hoover, Benjamin Vanzandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Hubbs, Anthony
Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Jackson, William Franklin
Jensen, Robert
Johnson, Frank Taylor
Johnson, Hiram Warren
Johnson, Philip
Johnston, Alfred J.
Johnston, William
Just, John Peter
Ketcham, Marvin Alonzo
Kleinsorge, Henry Emil
Kleinsorge, Wm. Edward
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Knox, William Frederick
Lawson, Walter Brokaw

Leonard, Carl *A*
LeMay, Victor
Levison, Jacob
Lightner, Bonus
Little, Christopher
Luce, John Coachman
Luhrs, Charles August
Lykins, Preston Lodwick
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McArthur, John
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McEntyre, Dan Hugh
McGlashan, Charles Fayette
McKee, Edwin Hervey
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
McMarten, John Alexander
McMasters, James Curtin
Meister, August
Menke, Anton
Meyer, Johann Gerhard
Mills, James Edgar
Molter, Jacob Philip
Morrison, James Mathew
Nathan, Samuel
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Noack, Charles John
Ochsner, John
O'Neil, James
Peterson, William Frederick
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Platt, Philemon Eli
Rego, Edward Sutherland
Reid, Thomas Barton
Robie, Ira C.
Scheunert, Carl Emil
Schmid, Emil
Schroth, John George
Scott, Thomas James
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Shonefelt, William Domer
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Thomas
Stanley, Leander
Stevens, John Dickson
Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Steffens, Joseph
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Stoll, Benjamin Franklin
Sweany, John
Teichart, Adolph
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
Vermilya, Abram John
Webster, Joseph Richard
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Weil, Edward Adolph
White, George Amos
Wiard, William Frederick
Wilder, Joel Osgood
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Woodburn, James
Woodward, George Allen
Wright, Charles Edward
Yardley, Herber Edward
Young, John Nelles
Young, Lamartine Wilson—198.

WITHDRAWN:

Taverner, George
Porter, Clive William—2

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Hevener, William Henry
Prouty, William—2

RESTORED:

Champlin, Nelson—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	190	Withdrawn	2
Greeted	11	Suspended for N. P. D.	2
Restored	1—202.	Now borne upon the roll	198—202.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Ascroft, *Th. Ill. Master*,	William Callinan, *Capt. of Guards*,
Robert Ash, *Deputy Ill. Master*,	Alexander Willman, *Conductor*,
George Penlington, *Prin. Con. of W.*,	Ralph La Forest Hathorn, *Steward*,
Charles Lord Field, *Treasurer*,	Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Recorder*,	Geo. Washington Perkins, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Thomas Kyle, *P. G. M.*,	George Penlington, *P. G. M.*,
William Thomas Reynolds, *P.G.M.*,	Henry Ascroft, *P. G. M.*,
Franklin Henry Day, *P. G. M.*,	Robert Ash, *P. G. M.*
Charles Lord Field, *P. G. M.*,	

SELECT MASTERS:

Aitken, John R.	Bragg, Robert
Allen, Richard Spicer	Broder, Robert Chidley
Andres, George Samuel	Bromley, George Tisdale
Andrews, Thomas P.	Browell, Jeremiah
Anthony, Edward Taylor	Brown, Henry Adams
Armstrong, George Robert	Bruce, James Henderson
Baker, Charles Henry	Bruns, Henry Frederick
Baldwin, Alfred Walton	Bullock, John Henry
Barclay, Robert Henry	Bunker, Robert Elmer
Bassett, Charles Follen	Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Bauer, Adolph Charles	Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Baum, David Andrew	Chapman, Edward Kirk
Baum, Simon	Chesley, Charles Palmer
Benedict, Courtland Smith	Christian, Ceasar
Birch, William Henry	Christie, James Alexander
Black, Howard	Clark, George Dickson
Bliss, Charles	Clingman, George Evans
Blossom, Henry Eckford	Code, Philip *D*
Bone, Charles	Conlisk, Charles William
Bonney, Charles Sumner	Crim, William Henry

Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Cross, Charles Vernon
Daggett, John Randolph
Davis, Henry Harvey
Davis, Winfield Scott
Day, Thomas Henry
Dean, Peter
Decker, Charles William
De Guerre, Albert Sydney Johnston
Dietterle, George
Dobler, Charles
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dominguez, Richard Arthur
Doud, Aaron
Dougherty, Charles Medley
Dragomanovich, Spiro *S G*
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty
Dunn, James
Dunne, James Patrick
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Eddy, Richard *A*
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Elias, Edward
Elliot, Charles Emery
Emery, Henry Tilton
Fetz, Joseph, Jr.
Feudner, Martin Otto
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Foster, Arthur William
Fraser, John P.
Frenzel, Erdman August
Frolich, Theodore
Gagnon, Michael
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Gehret, Frederick
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Getz, Marcus
Giles, Frederick *N*
Goldman, Max
Grauerholz, Henry John
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Haas, David Leopold
Hale, Reuben Brooks
Hall, Otho Norris
Hallett, Alonzo
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hare, Elias *C*
Harris, Thomas Voel
Hatch, James Henry
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Hellwig, Christian
Highton, Henry Edward
Hobbs, John Kemble Carlton
Hoffman, Henry Nathaniel
Hopkins, Timothy
Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Huested, Orson Justus
Huff. William Henry Routin
Iredale, Charles Winslow
Jeffers, Milo Sidney
Jellison, Benjamin Franklin
Jewett, George Albert
Johnson, Albert de Montfredy
Johnson, George
Jones, Edward Campbell
Jones, William Arthur
Jost, Charles
Jost, Charles, Jr.
Jost, William Rheinhard
Kent, Thaddeus Benning
Kern, Morris James
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Kimball, Roy Thurston
Kincaid, John Evans
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Knapp, Henry Hay
Koenig, Frank
Kohler, Henry

Kramer, Louis George
Krieg, Anton
Ladd, Frank Bacon
Landgrebe, Robert George
Law, Hartland
Lee, John, Jr.
Lent, Samuel Lancaster
Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Lippman, George W.
Logan, Milburn Hill
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lucas, John William
Lucas, Walter Edward
Lyman, William Whittingham
Lynch, Henry Hudson
Lyon, William Henry
Manner, Charles Vogt
Manning, Horatio, Seymour
Marsh, John Alfred
McCarty, James
McMillan, Robert
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Meston, Robert
Metzner, Charles Francis
Montealegre, Carlos Francisco
Moore, Andrew
Morffew, Thomas
Morgan, Charles Augustus
Murdock, George Leonard
Murphy, Charles Henry
Myrson, Simon
Nagle, Richard Hamilton
Neuhaus, Christian Henry Fred.
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Newman, George Howard
Norcross, Daniel
Noteware, Edward Washington
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Osborn, Lamartine
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Patton, Charles Lewis
Payne, Warren Ritch
Peck, Philip
Perkins, Samuel Henry
Perley, Albion Starbird
Phillips, William Rippard
Plummer, Cyrus Moody
Price, Thomas
Price, William Edmund
Prince, Henry Gilman
Reis, John O'Neal
Riley, John Francis
Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Ryan, Michael
Sabin, John Ira
Schetzel, Adolph Georg
Schmidt, Valentine
Schreiber, Martin August William
Scott, Henry Wilson
Seibel, Philipp
Seymour, Simon Harry
Siminoff, Morris
Smith, Lewis Warren
Smith, William Jacob
Soulé, Arthur Calvin
Soulé, William Lloyd Garrison
Spaulding, James Garfield
Speier, Bernard
Stallman, Charles Christian
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stephenson, Edward
Stockfleth, John
Stoddart, Augustus Wynne
Sumner, Frank William
Swain, Edward Robinson
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thompson, George
Thompson, George Howard
Tönningsen, John
Trebell, Thomas
Van Bergen, Henry
Vanderhurst, William
Veen, Frank Joseph

Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alexander Barack
Walker, Robert Andrew
Ward, William
Warwick, James Blain
Welch, Willard Choate, Jr.,
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
Wiley, George Adrian
Wilson, Charles Harold
Woodbury, Warren Dean
Woodside, Alexander
Young, Shirley Trever
Younger, William John—241.

WITHDRAWN:

Curtis, John Morrison
Ewing, James Stanley
Goodban, Francis Edward
Hatch, Augustus Timothy
Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Noonen, John
Pfingst, Ferdinand Louis
Williamson, Henry—8

SUSPENDED:

Holden, Samuel Emery—1

EXCLUDED:

Clifford, James Benjamin
Jost, Joseph
Whitcomb, Frank Randolph—3

RESTORED:

Gagnon, Michael—1

DIED:

Brown, William Graham
Bruce, William Young
Campbell, Vernon
Cressey, Edward Potter
Culver, James Henry
Godley, Montgomery
Mentz, John Henry
Nash, Charles
Schlarbaum, John Christian Benedictus—9

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report...	244	Withdrawn	8
Greeted	17	Suspended	1
Restored	1—262.	Excluded	3
		Died	9
		Now borne upon the roll...	241—262.

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Alexander Cameron Irwin, *Th. Ill. M.*, James Fred Eastman, *Recorder*,
Albert Julius Menz, *Dep. Ill. M.*, Charles Hapgood, *Capt. of Guards*,
Peter Engel, Jr., *P. C. of Works*, John George MacLellan, *Conductor*,
Frank *B* Miller, *Treasurer*, Thomas Hugh Kernan, *Steward*.
Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Lemuel, Trescott Crane,
Charles Hapgood.
Frank *B* Miller,
William Andrew Lowrey,
Amasa Willey White.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Belcher, Richard
Berry, James McConnell
Burner, Henry
Carpenter, George Washington
Clements, William Andrew
Cohn, Isaac Giballe
Crew, Alexander Hill
Deaner, Samuel Christian
Duncan, John Lewis
Ellis, William Turner
Ewell, Samuel
Fagan, Edward
Fimbreath, Arthur Francis
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hauss, Ferdinand
Haynes, James
Hochstadter, Simon
Hunter, William
Hutchins, Gavin Walker
Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Lewek, Solomon
Marcuse, Marcus
Miller, Arthur Gardner
Mould, William
Peacock, William Flint
Peck, William Francis
Rogers, Samuel Josiah Smith
Sanborn, Miles Edward
Saye, George Marion
Schuler, Conrad
Skinner, Randolph Whitney
Slingsby, William
Stafford, William Henry
Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Woodworth, Homer Allen—54.

WITHDRAWN:

Binney, Andrew Jackson—1

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Blackburn, George *W*
Burchard, John Luther
Krause, Frederick Low
Logan, Anderson Dabney
Molineaux, Henry
Nelson, William Harvey
Patterson, George
Reece, Thomas White
Rhees, Henry Holcombe
Rideout, Norman Dunning
Seely, John Ambrose
Webb, Charles Augustus—12

DIED:

Knight, David Edgar
Luttrell, James Franklin—2

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....69
Withdrawn 1
Suspended for N. P. D.....12
Died 2
Now borne upon the roll.....54—69.

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Frank Wilson Street, *Th. Ill. Master*, Charles Edward Street, *Recorder*,
Elisha Toman Gould, *Dep. Ill. Mas.*, Crittenden Hampton, *C. of Guards*,
Eduard Keil, *Prin. Con. of Works*, Alonzo Colby, *Conductor*,
John Mundorf, *Treasurer*, Charles Henry Burden, *Steward*,
Abraham Barlow, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Eduard Keil, Frank Wilson Street.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adair, Charles Francis
Barton, Eugene Hamilton
Calhoun, Henry Clay
Eastman, William White
Eslick, Charles
Fontana, Charles Domenick
Hender, Thomas Arthur Stiles
Johns, Samuel Joseph
Johnson, Andrew Porter
Johnson, Peter
Knudson, Nils Lodefoged
Koch, William Alexander
Lane, Thomas Travis
Littlefield, John Franklin
Long, Wilbur
Long, William Giles
Loring, William Joseph
Miller, John Jacob
More, Grant Starr
Morgan, John Stilwell, Jr.
Morgan, Frank Albert
Morgans, Morgan Philip
Morrison, John Chambers
Nicol, George Woodburn
Nuner, William Marble, Jr.
Oliver, Dew Rodger
O'Connell, John Henry
Patterson, Archibald
Preston, Howard Alvin
Raggio, Joseph
Ratz, Frederick Henry
Roberts, David E.
Sharwood, William
Shine, John Henry
Wells, Thomas Washington
Witney, John Lorin
Yossi, John Frederick—46.

DIED:

Lang, Charles Edward—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....42	Died 1
Greeted ..... 5—47.	Now borne upon the roll....46—47.

SHASTA COUNCIL, No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Morris Mehon, *Th. Ill. Master*, Adolphus Bystle, *Recorder*,
Jewett Scranton, *Deputy Ill. M.*, John Sale Strode, *C. of the Guards*,
John William Garden, *P. C. Works*, George Crone Strode, *Conductor*,
William Alexander Boswell, *Treas'r*, Wilhelm Kellner, *Steward*,
Gunther Frederick Charles Schroter, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle, Albert Frederick Ross,
Adolph Dobrowsky, Morris Mehon.

SELECT MASTERS:

Andrews, William
Andrews, Alexander Robertson
Beard, John Samuel
Bell, Joseph Evans
Blossom, Robert Hurd
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus
Cahoone, William Brower
Fish, William Andrew
Gardner, Elias Dehaven
Hall, Joseph *N*
Hawkins, Divine Zacharias
Hunt, William Broderick
Jacobson, Charles
Kimball, Gorham Gates
Labonte, Francis Xavier
Lambson, Giles Hamman
Lowden, William Spencer
McCoy, Leo Lewis
McCrum, Benjamin
Miller, Thomas Love
Murphy, Sylvanus Everett
Nichols, James Levin
Nicholson, Thomas Jamerson
Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Reynolds, John Edward
Richardson, James Lee
Ross, Herman Frederick
Rosland, Oscar *O*
Rowles, James
Satterlee, Frank Peck
Scott, John *V*
Scammon, James Freeman
Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Smith, Champion *W*
Sweeny, Edward
Teass, Chester James
Weil, David
Weil, Joseph
Wimmer, James Moses—51.

DIED:

Hull, Sylvester—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....45 Died 1
Greeted..... 7—52. Now borne upon the roll.....51—52.

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9.

Helena, Montana.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Booker, *Recorder*,
William McClatchey, *D. Ill. Master*, Francis Doremus Jones, *Capt. of G.*,
Joseph J. Hindson, *P. C. of W.*, Alfred Douglas Edgar, *Conductor*,
Michael Reinig, *Treasurer*, August Weisenhorn, *Steward*,
William Dulin Smith, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornilius Hedges, Sr., William McClatchey,
Walter E. Frederick, Henry M. Parchen.
James W. Hathaway,

SELECT MASTERS:

Cater, Charles *S*
Cook, Andrew B.
Cowden, Henry
Cummings, Pat W.
Evans, Henry D.
Featherman, James Benjamin
Featherman, John A.
Garrett, Clarence B.
Guthrie, Henry *H*
Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin *M*
Jackson, George Washington
Jones, Louis L.
Kirkendall, Thomas B.
Kleinschmidt, Theodore H.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
McCann, William Henry
Middlemas, David W.
Murphy, John
Neill, Edward D.
Nolan, Cornelius B.
Page, Clarence V.
Palmer, Alex. L.
Reese, Hugh
Robinson, Jeremiah
Schwab, Samuel
Sederburg, Albert Vitalis
Sommers, Henry
Spalding, William Scott
Stewart, William Wallace
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Turton, John Booth
Walk, Walter W.
Walker, Jacob Longacre
White, Charles Eugene
Wood, George R.—51.

DIED:

Davis, Lewellyn Daniel—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	51	Died	1
Greeted	1—52.	Now borne upon the roll	51—52.

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Richards Hedges, *T. Ill. M.*, Geo. Alexander McKenzie, *Recorder*,
John Yardley, *D. Ill. Master*, Durrett Oliver Castle, *C. of Guards*,
Edward Elbridge Hood, *P. C. Works*, Edgar McDowell Bransford, *Cond'tor*,
Henry Coffin Shaw, *Treasurer*, Flavil Gaylord Hickox, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Howe, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies, Alexander Chalmers.
Edward Richards Hedges,

SELECT MASTERS:

Bachmann, Carl August
Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins
Beede, William Morris Stewart
Bennett, Paul Witherby
Blodgett, John Millard
Brown, Philip Thomas
Buell, Park Arbington
Caine, John
Catts, George Elbert
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Cobb, Frank Dyckman
Cotterell, William
Cross, Samuel Nelson
Cunningham, Thomas
Dalby, Samuel Price
Elliott, Lyman Weston
Fraser, Philip Thomas
Friedberger, Arnold
Friedberger, Leo
Garwood, John
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
Harrison, William Bruce
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Henderson, Orrin Staples
Jory, John
Kennedy, Hallie Charles
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Lane, Frank Ellis
Langford, George William
Latta, Samuel Eikenbarry
McCreary, Edward Davis
McKinnon, Angus
McLeod, John *H*
Noble, Arthur Morgan
Norton, Charles Willis
Peterson, Richard Letcher
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robbins, Henry Ephriam
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Isaac Henry
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Russell, Richard William
Seeley, John Whitney
Shurtleff, George Augustus
Sink, Reuben Henry
Smith, James Webb
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Sperry, George Barker
Stone, William Henry
Swain, Cornelius
Swain, Joseph Henry
Thompson, Edward Rees
Tindall, Pleasant Hay—65.

RESTORED:

Bennett, Paul Witherby—1

DIED:

McGuffick, William — Wallace, Hamilton—2

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....66 — Died 2
Restored..... 1—67. — Now borne upon the roll.....65—67.

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

David Munroe Sutherland, *T. Ill. M.*, August Wackerbarth, *Recorder*,
Arthur Brookman, *Deputy Ill. M.*, Churchill Philip Guthrie, *Capt. of G.*,
Joseph Martin Lawrance, *P. C. of W.*, Willis Millner Dixon, *Conductor*,
Walter Clements Durgin, *Treasurer*, Ambrogio Vignolo, *Steward*,
Edward Hall Miller, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme, *P. G. M.*, — August Wackerbarth,
Granville Quincy Stewart, — Julius Brousseau,
Robert Gilmore Cunningham, — Wm. Byron Scarborough,
George Sinsabaugh.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Horace Bishop
Armstrong, George
Aylsworth, George Webb
Bagby, Charles Leland
Bagby, Edwin Hanson
Baldwin, Cornelius Vanoy
Barrow, Thomas Martin
Beckett, Wesley Wilbur
Bernard, Gustav Adolph George
Bicknell, John Dustin
Biescar, Henry
Blackmer, Eli Tucker
Bliesner, William John
Bosbyshell, William
Bradbeer, James *H*
Bradish, Avery Jackson
Branch, John Franklin
Bresee, Phineas Wright
Brill, William
Brode, Alexander Charles
Brown, Charles Milton
Brown, John Alexander
Buchanan, James Alexander
Bulla, Robert Nelson
Bullis, Omri
Burr, Charles Martin
Burr, John
Campbell, Alfred Quincy
Campbell, John Mis
Cannon, John Stevens
Cave, Daniel
Chase, Lucius Kurtz

Cline, William
Colbert, Patrick
Conradi, Simon
Courey, Nathaniel Parrish
Crawford, James Seth
Cummings, William George
Cunningham, Frank R.
Cunningham, John Calvin
Davis, Harvey
Dornfield, Ferdinand Emil
Drain, John Hamilton
Drake, James Frederick
Drought, Robert
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry
Eichelberger, Harry Martin
Ennis, Charles L.
Fairchild, John Anthony
Field, Benjamin Franklin
Fiscus, Joseph
Flint, Frank Putnam
Folsom, Niles Rathbone
Fordham, Milton Cephas
Foshay, James *A*
Fraisher, Robert Love
Frary, Leander Warren
Garthside, Joseph Relton
Geohegan, Harry
Getchell, Charles Edward
Glass, Henry
Goehring, John George
Gotthelf, David
Greene, Emery Taylor
Grubb, Oscar Edwin
Guthrie, Finis William
Habel, George Henry
Hamburger, Moses Asher
Hanselman, John Wesley
Hart, Alexander Hamilton
Hart, Frank John
Haskell, John Condit
Henderson, Andrew
Henderson, William Hutchinson
Herr, George Frederick
Herron, Rufus Hills
Hervey, William Rhodes
Hines, Fred Amos
Holland, Lamson Thomas
Howry, Charles DeForrest
Hubbard, William Lewis
Hughes, John Francis
Illich, Gerolomo
Jacobi, Louis
Jacobs, Lewis
Jones, John Taylor
Jones, Mark *G*
Jordan, Franklin
Jeffries, William Parrish
Jeffries, William Thomas
Keith, George Frank
Kemper, Singleton Thomas
Kingsley, John Amos
King, John
Kitchen, John Franklin
Knickerbocker, Niles
Langdon, Frederick Sylvester
Leix, Frederick
Levy, Michael
Lloyd, Charles
Long, James William
Louis, Emanuel *J*
Lovett, William Watson
Ludlow, George Watson
Maier, Simon
Mart, Charles
Marx, Ralph Edwin
Martin, Julius Herbert
Matheson, John Luther
McAllister, Frank Allister
McAllister, James Pinkerton
McClurkin, William John
McFie, William Thomas
Mead, Charles Abiel
Medina, John Blancarte
Melzer, Joseph
Merrill, Joseph Lane
Merwin, Andrew Homer
Meserve, Frank Pierce
Meyer, Samuel
Miller, John McCalmont
Moore, Thomas Edward

Morgan, Addison
Morgan, William Adams
Morris, John Wood
Mott, Albert Clark
Mueller, Oscar Charles
Murphy, Claire Warren
Murphy, Joseph Lanes
Murray, John Emmett
Owens, Madison Townsand
Paul, John Rink
Parker, Francis Marion
Pease, Niles
Pease, Sherman
Pendell, Charles Elisha
Perry, John Sargent
Pfaffinger, Frank Xavier
Polaski, Lewis
Porter, Lafayette Seward
Poundstone, Jacob
Powers, Edward Everett
Preston, Jasper Newton
Reid, James Arthur
Renfro, Alva D.
Rideout, William Andrew
Rockwell, Lorenzo Anson
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Rolfe, Horace Cowen
Rossiter, John Gormley
Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Rule, Fred Kennett
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Santee, Milton
Scheerer, Conrad
Schmidt, Fred William Theodore
Schuler, Louis Herman
Sexton, Charles Wesley
Skyrme, George Washington
Smith, Charles Alton
Smith, Henry Augustus
Smith, Melwin David
Spence, William Glenn
Spinks, Wallace Humphrey
Stephens, Wm. Dennison
Strassburg, Edward
Strohm, Thomas
Suits, Elihu Daniel
Thayer, Joseph Harriot
Thompson, Chester Weaver
Thompson, Omer Conro
Thomson, Robert Mossman
Urmston, John Kreck
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Varcoe, George
Variel, Robert Henry Fauntelroy
Vawter, Edwin James
Vetter, Louis Fisher
Walker, Daniel Henry
Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Watson, George Samuel
Webster, James William
Weidner, Peter
Wheeler, Horace Marcellus
Wheeler, Emanuel Randolph
Willett, Charles Joseph
Whitson, Levi Henry
Williams, Romayne
Willis, Frank Rominar
Wood, CharlesModini
Young, John William
Youngworth, Leo Valtus—208.

RESTORED:

Dearing, Octavius
Henderson, William Hutchinson—2

WITHDRAWN:

Dearing, Octavius—1

DIED:

Worsham, William Graham—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	176	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	30	Died	1
Affiliated	2	Now borne upon the roll	208—210.
Restored	2—210.		

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, fifth Thursday of months having five Thursdays.

OFFICERS:

Edward C. Robinson, *Th. Ill. M.*, Amasa Wright Bishop, *Recorder*,
George Henry Smith, *Dep. Ill. M.*, Ilio R. Aitken, *Capt. of Guards*,
Edward Harrison Morgan, *P. C. W.*, Chas. Herbert Cowell, *Conductor*.
William Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*, Edwin Whipple, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett,	William Clay Smith,
James Bestor Merritt,	Robert Edgar,
William Frank Pierce,	Amasa Wright Bishop,
Edward Harrison Morgan,	Augustus Lewis Ott,
Webb Nicholson Pierce,	Damien Edmont Fortin,
Edwin Allen Sherman,	Albert H. Merritt,
Eugene Carmeny,	John Alexander Britton.

SELECT MASTERS:

Avery, Mark Herbert	Davis, Lucien Dwight
Baxley, George W.	Degan, Ludolph Philip
Beckwith, John A.	DeGolia, George Ellis
Bell, Harmon	Douglass, Charles Henry
Bice, John	Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Bradley, John Tilford	Ely, Ralph Asahel
Breed, Arthur Hastings	Emigh, Thomas Powell
Brown, Lewis Henry	Evans, Robert Griffith
Bullock, Richard Steele	Evers, John Henry
Burrell, Alfred William	French, Robert Ellsworth
Cahill, Patrick	Friend, Roger Benjamin
Crellin, Thomas Arthur	Fulton, William
Cushing, Frank Warthy	Gilbert, Ethan Allen
Dailey, William Curtis	Gilpin, Zachary Taylor
Dalton, Henry Philip	Goodman, George

Graham, Francis Elmer
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gregory, Calvin Levi
Gunn, Adam Francis
Hahn, Henry Casper
Hale, William Elmer
Hamilton, William Thomas
Handy, Brayton Everington
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Heeseman, Charles J.
Hewes, Charles Leslie
Hewes, Charles Wesley
Hill, Otis
Hume, William Robert
Hunt, Charles Melville
Kales, Martin William
Kendall, Alpheus
Knowland, Joseph
Knowland, Joseph Russell
Koser, Newton Alexander
Lancaster, Americus V.
Leach, Abraham Powell
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Martin, John
Mauzy, Byron
May, Henry
McClymonds, John William
Meek, Harry Wert
Meek, Rudolph Wallace
Meek, William Ellsworth
Metcalf, George Dixon
Michaels, Henry
Morris, Moses
Nutting, Charles Wilber
O'Donnell, Francis Henry E.
Owen, William Henry Searls
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall
Payne, George Henry
Phillips, John Waterman
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Randall, Charles Wells
Robbins, Henry Russell
Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Sansom, John A.
Schleuter, Herman F.
Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Spreckels, Richard
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Taylor, James Howard
Thomas, Charles Frank
Twombly, Charles Henry
Vorhees, Fred Duane
Wall, Joseph George
Walsh, Edward Marion
Webster, Leander Rankin
Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Wever, Charles Herbert
Wight, Frederick Gordon
Williams, John
Williamson, Willard Forsyth
Woodin, Eugene
Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Woolsey, Frank Reese
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablowsky, John—115.

DIED:

Crooks, John Chisholm
Perkins, Alfred Thomas

EXCLUDED:

(Not in good standing in Lodge and Chapter.)

Burnham, Charles Franklin
Ames, George Spencer
Stone, Andrew *L*
Parsons, Thomas *J*—4

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	93	Excluded	4
Greeted	25	Died	2
Restored	2	Now borne upon the roll	115—121.
Affiliated	1—121		

GATEWAY COUNCIL, No. 13.

Auburn, Placer County.

Stated meetings, third Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Gould Bisbee, *Th. Ill. Master*, David Waldemar Lubeck, *Recorder*,
John M. Fulweiler, *Dep. Ill. Master*, Alexander K. Robinson, *C. of Guards*,
William Albert Crowell, *Prin. C. W.*, Jonathan Fulton, *Conductor*,
John Chisholm, *Treasurer*, William Isaac May, *Steward*,
John Coleman Safford, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Jacob Hart Neff, John Gould Bisbee.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ackerman, Francis Marion	Martin, Charles
Bell, Joseph Vincent	McAnnich, John
Brown, Edmund Doyle	Nicholls, William, Jr.
Combs, William	Roberts, Robert William
Curtis, Henry Chittenden	Rooney, Robert Fleming
Delano, Ira Lemuel	Smith, Benjamin Franklin
Disque, Henry	Sparks, William Martin
Gladding, Albert James	Stevens, Amos
Jansen, Walter	Stevenson, Thomas
Lardner, William Bransen	Todd, Thomas Milton
Linninger, Michael David	Woodard, John Carlton—32.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	32	Now borne upon the roll	32.

SANTA ANA COUNCIL, No. 14.

Santa Ana, Orange County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Hedges Hall, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Akerman Whidden, *Recorder*,
James Deane Wilder, *Dep. Ill. M'ter*, Max Reinhaus, *C. of Guards*,
Edwin Dumont Buss, *Prin. C. W.*, James William Towner, *Conductor*,
Robert Francis Chilton, *Treasurer*, Addison Crockett Bowers, *Steward*,
John Saxton Haywood, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

James William Towner, James Hedges Hall.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ball, Charles Dexter
Bisby, Robert Lee
Bundy, Milton John
Buck, John Henry
Clark, George Crook
Coltrin, Amador Francis
Deyoe, Frederick Theodore
Diers, Henry
Dryer, John Lewis
Edelman, Charles
Frampton, George Reed
Gamble, Austin Abram
Gildmacher, Joseph
Greeley, John Philip
Griffith, George Whitefield, Jr.
Hill, Samuel
Holgate, Schofield
King, James William
Lutz, William Frederick
Medlock, James Randolph
Menges, Marion Albert
McCarric, Franklin
Preble, George Edward
Reinhaus, Julius
Richardson, Erwin Ellsworth
Whitney, Mervin Newton
Wood, William Bell—36.

WITHDRAWN:

Cotter, James Stapleton
Weeks, George Warren—2

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....32	Withdrawn..... 2
Greeted..... 6—38.	Now borne upon the roll.....36—38.

GRAND COUNCILS

IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

With Addresses of Grand Recorders.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorders.	Residence.
ALABAMA,	H. CLAY ARMSTRONG,	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS,	JOHN C. BONE,	Little Rock.
CANADA,	SIDNEY J. SANFORD,	Barrie.
COLORADO,	E. L. FOSTER,	Denver.
CONNECTICUT,	JAMES McCORMICK,	Hartford.
ENGLAND AND WALES,	C. F. MATIER,	Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen St., London, W.C.
FLORIDA,	JOHN CARLOVITZ,	Milton.
GEORGIA,	W. A. WOLIHIN,	Albany.
ILLINOIS,	GIL. W. BARNARD,	Chicago.
INDIANA,	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE,	Indianapolis.
INDIAN TERRITORY,	JOSEPH S. MURROW,	Atoka.
KANSAS,	A. M. CALLAHAM..	Topeka.
KENTUCKY,	JAS. W. STATON,	Brooksville.
LOUISIANA,	RICHARD LAMBERT,	New Orleans.
MAINE,	STEPHEN BERRY,	Portland.
MARYLAND,	GEORGE L. McCAHAN,	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,	J. GILMAN WAITE,	Boston.
MICHIGAN,	JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,	Coldwater.
MINNESOTA,	THOMAS MONTGOMERY,	St. Paul.
MISSISSIPPI,	J.L. POWER,	Jackson.
MISSOURI,	WILLIAM H. MAYO,	St. Louis.
NEBRASKA,	FRANCIS E. WHITE,	Omaha.
NEW BRUNSWICK,	ROBERT MARSHALL,	St. John.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	GEORGE P. CLEAVES,	Concord.
NEW JERSEY,	CHARLES BECHTEL,	Trenton.
NEW YORK,	GEORGE VAN VLIET,	16 Eighth Avenue, New York City.
NORTH CAROLINA,	JAMES C. MUNDS,	Wilmington.
OHIO,	WILLIAM E. EVANS,	Chillicothe.
OREGON,	SETH L. POPE,	Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA,	JOSHUA L. LYTE,	Lancaster.
RHODE ISLAND,	WILLIAM R. GREENE,	Providence.
SCOTLAND,	ROBERT S. BROWN,	5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.
SOUTH CAROLINA,	ZIMMERMAN DAVIS,	Charleston.
TENNESSEE,	WM. A. CLENDENING,	Nashville.
VERMONT,	WARREN G. REYNOLDS,	Burlington.
WASHINGTON,	EDWARD R. HARE,	Tacoma.
WISCONSIN,	JOHN W. LAFLIN,	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. COUNCIL U. S.,	HENRY W. MORDHURST,	Fort Wayne, Ind

REPRESENTATIVES

Of Other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Colorado	Jacob H. Neff	Colfax.
Connecticut	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
Georgia	Robert Ash	San Francisco.
Illinois	Wm. B. Scarborough	Los Angeles.
Indiana	William Hewson Davis	Sacramento.
Indian Territory	William Hewson Davis	Sacramento.
Kansas	Henry Ascroft	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maritime Provinces, N. B.	John A. Britton	Oakland.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Minnesota	John Gould Bisbee	Auburn.
Missouri	George Penlington	San Francisco.
Nebraska	James William Towner	Santa Ana.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
North Carolina	William Hewson Davis	Sacramento.
Ohio	Wm. Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
Rhode Island	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	Gaylord J. Klock	Little Rock.
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Colorado	Colain E. Reed	Denver.
Connecticut	Alexander B. Shumway	Litchfield.
Georgia	Christopher F. Lewis	Augusta
Illinois	John A. Ladd	Sterling.
Indiana	Orlando W. Brownback	Pendleton.
Indian Territory	Jabez H. Mann	McAllster, Choctaw Nation.
Kansas	Robert E. Torrington	Wichita.
Kentucky	James Dysert Lewis	Louisville.
Louisiana	Samuel Manning Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland.
Maryland	Albert Benedict Lyman	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Eugene H. Richards	Boston.
Michigan	Bayard A. Church	St. Louis.
Minnesota	W. A. Spaulding	Minneapolis.
Missouri	Thomas Seal	St. Louis.
Nebraska	G. W. Lininger	Omaha.
New Hampshire	John F. Maynard	Ashland.
New Jersey	John M. Knapp	Ridgewood.
New York	Theodore H. Barber	Syracuse.
North Carolina	W. F. Randolph	Asheville.
Ohio	Edwin Morrell	Columbus.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	Reuben E. Taft	Titusville.
Rhode Island	Robert S. Franklin	Newport.
South Carolina	John R. Allen	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	A. S. Myers	Memphis.
Vermont	George W. Wing	Montpelier.

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council June 26, A. Dep. 2860.

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS, ...*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ...*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ...*Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ...*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ...*Grand Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ...*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOHN ASHBY TUTT, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ...*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY, ...*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ...*Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
*LOUIS COHN, ...*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY, ...*Grand Master;*
*LOUIS COHN, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY, ...*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ...*Grand Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ...*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ...*Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ...*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1868.

*Joseph Isaacs,.....*Grand Master;*
Frederick Ferdinand Barss,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*William Franklin Knox,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Stephen Wing,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

Frederick Ferdinand Barss,.....*Grand Master;*
*Stephen Wing,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*Leonard Goss,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Thomas Kyle,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

*Stephen Wing,.....*Grand Master;*
Thomas Kyle,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

Thomas Kyle,.....*Grand Master;*
William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Grand Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Edmund Taylor Wilkins,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Wm. Monroe Petrie,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
William Monroe Petrie,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Master;*
William Monroe Petrie,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Edward Richards Hedges,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Master;*
*EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1879.

*EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1886.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1891.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ...*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1892.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1893.

*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1894.

GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1895.

CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, ...*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1896.

WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1897.

HENRY ASCROFT, ...*Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1898.

ROBERT ASH, ... *Grand Master;*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JACOB HART NEFF, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1899.

AUGUST WACKERBARTH, ... *Grand Master;*
JACOB HART NEFF, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WM. B. SCARBOROUGH, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1900.

JACOB HART NEFF, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM B. SCARBOROUGH, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN GOULD BISBEE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT

of

Committee on Correspondence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of R.·. and S.·. M.·. of California:—

I herewith most respectfully and fraternally present the following, my Eighth Annual Report on Correspondence, for the year 1900.

From its perusal it will be learned that Cryptic Masonry is progressing generally, though in some jurisdictions it is stationary, in a few languishing and in others, if not dead, it is in a profound slumber, and needs something more than a B flat bugle to rouse it from its torpor. Yet in the main the Cryptic Rite is advancing most encouragingly where the floor of the Secret Vault requires heavy matting to deaden the sound of tramping feet, but no feathered dusters for the roofs of the Nine Arches.

The proceedings of the following Grand Councils, all of which have been received, have been carefully reviewed:—

ARKANSAS.....1898, 1899	MISSOURI.....1899
COLORADO 1899	NEBRASKA.....1898
CONNECTICUT.....1899	NEW BRUNSWICK..1897, 1898, 1899
ENGLAND AND WALES 1899	NEW HAMPSHIRE 1899
GEORGIA 1899	NEW JERSEY.....1899, 1900
ILLINOIS.....1899	NEW YORK 1899
INDIANA.....1899	OHIO.....1899
KANSAS.....1899	OREGON 1899
MAINE 1899	PENNSYLVANIA 1899
MICHIGAN.....1900	TENNESSEE.....1899, 1900
MINNESOTA 1899	VERMONT.....1899
MISSISSIPPI.....1900	WASHINGTON. 1899

ARKANSAS.

1898, 1899.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of the State of Arkansas was held at the Masonic Temple in the city of Little Rock, at 10 o'clock A. M., on Friday the 18th day of November, A. D. 1898, and was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

M.·. I.·. OMER J. SHORT, Grand Master presiding, and *R.·. I.·.* JAMES A. HENRY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are eleven Subordinate Councils in this Jurisdiction with a membership of 261, being a gain, including all losses by death and otherwise, of 21 over the previous year. There has been a loss from the beginning, since 1862, of no less than 23 Councils, the last one now on the roll being *Mystic* Council, No. 34.

The Grand Council of California has a GAYLORD as its Representative, who has charge of the KLOCK and keeps the time. *R.·. Ill.·.* Companion GAYLORD J. KLOCK, who is also the Grand Conductor, was present and on time.

M.·. Ill.·. OMER J. SHORT the Grand Master, delivered a SHORT address. He returned thanks to the great I Am for the many mercies and the goodness he has shown us during the past year, and permitted them to assemble again with unbroken ranks. He had been absent in Europe and elsewhere the most of the time. Harmony prevailed in his Jurisdiction, and he had received no appeals and made no decisions. He greatly deplores the situation of Cryptic Masonry in his State and said:—

"I had all of the Councils written to, trying to stir them up, but in a majority of cases we get no response whatever.

"It is apparent to all of us that Cryptic Masonry in Arkansas has no life in it. There are various reasons that are given why, but, my Companions, the chief reason is the lack of enthusiasm in the Councilor Masons themselves. Wherever you find working Council members, you will find a prosperous Council."

He recommends that the Grand Council of Arkansas approve the action of the *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master in settling the difficulties of the Colorado embroglio, which was approved.

The Report on Correspondence is by *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. ANTONIO B. GRACE *P.·. M.·. I.·. G.·. M.·.*, covering twenty pages, in which he reviews the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils and very generously gives a page and two-thirds to California. With the pious poet DODDRIDGE we would like to agree in the sentiment that ought to be expressed in his case, but the conditions are a little different.

"GRACE, 'tis a charming sound,
Harmonious to the ear,
Heaven with the echo shall resound,
And all the earth shall hear.

"GRACE first contrived the way,
To save rebellious man;
And all the *steps* that GRACE display,
Which drew the wondrous plan.

"GRACE all the work shall crown,
Through everlasting days;
It lays in heaven the topmost stone,
And well deserves the praise."

Our *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion in reviewing what we said in 1898, remarks as follows:—

"After a handsome compliment to Grand Master JOHN P. FARRAR'S address, Companion SHERMAN jumps upon Arkansas with both feet as it were. He criticises sharply our resolution adopted in 1897, that suspension in other Masonic bodies shall not work a forfeiture of membership in the Council. Just how the Cryptic Rite is to be made to flourish by suspend-

ing Companions for non-payment of dues in some other organization—say a Blue Lodge, Chapter, or Commandery—Companion SHERMAN does not stop to explain."

As to our "jumping upon Arkansas with both feet," we can only say that when the foundation of the superstructure is to be no longer the support and base upon which the building itself is erected, then it is time to step out of what is converted into a cradle or basket of a balloon, even if one does come down a little heavy on his feet and on the square of Masonic justice and right, no matter whether it be in Arkansas or anywhere else.

The same condition has always prevailed in the *A.·. and A.·. S.·.* Rite which required by oath from every candidate to do his duty as a Blue Mason, and if he is suspended in his Blue Lodge, he drops from all the rest even though he be a Thirty-third, and an active member of the Supreme Council; and so it is in all the Masonic Bodies of both Rites and of every Degree in the State of California, and it should be the rule everywhere, even unto Little Rock.

The Council of Royal and Select Masters that will retain a member in good standing on its roll who is suspended for non-payment of dues in his Royal Arch Chapter, has no right to instruct in anything concerning the lapses or faults in the ritual of the Royal Arch Degree, or make a sign belonging to the Chapter in opening or closing, or in anywise refer to the Royal Arch Chapter work, whatever. If it will ignore the action of a Chapter in dealing with a delinquent member, when to the Chapter itself it goes for material to work upon, from which it is able to maintain its own existence, then it is an ungrateful and an un-Masonic course to pursue with a sister organization in the bosom and body of the Craft, and indirectly as a logical sequence, an attack upon the Sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of the State, an innovation upon the body of Masonry and a violation in spirit of the groundwork and landmarks of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

No, Companion GRACE, return to the right way. Repeal such a section in your By-Laws of your Grand Council, and require every Companion to reinstate himself in his Royal Arch Chapter to be kept in good standing in the Council which will make him really *loyal, Royal* and *Select*, that he may sing the song of gratitude that will be delightful to your ears. In the language of Newton and Watts:—

"AMAZING GRACE! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

"The world beheld the glorious change,
And did Thy hand confess;
My tongue broke out in unknown strains,
And sung "SURPRISING GRACE."

But we must leave the *Arkansas Traveler* to play the whole tune and pass on, trusting that "GRACE may abound" in his neck of the woods, where he does not understand stratification which does not seem to exist in his alluvium.

M.·. Ill.·. THOMAS M. HORSFALL was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES AUSTIN HENRY re-elected Grand Recorder.

1899.

We received the Proceedings of the Grand Council of Arkansas for 1899 some time after reviewing those of 1898.

It met in its Thirty-seventh Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple, Little Rock, at ten A. M. on Thursday, the 23d day of November, A. D. 1899, and was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, *M.·.Ill.·.* THOMAS M. HORSFALL, Grand Master presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 10 Councils in this Jurisdiction (one less than the previous year), with a membership of 235, being a loss of 26, but only 7 Councils made returns. As two of them made returns of 39 the year before, if added to the returns of 1899 would make 274, and be an actual gain of 13.

California's Grand Representative, *R.·. Ill.·.* GAYLORD KLOCK, was present and on time.

He had appointed *Ill.·.* Comp. FAY HEMPSTEAD as Grand Recorder to fill the vacancy caused by the death of *Ill.·.* JAMES A. HENRY.

He had visited every Council in the State, inspected their work, giving them instruction, good advice and encouragement. He had granted three dispensations and appointed representatives near other Grand Councils, and concludes as follows:—

"*Companions*—I must now most gratefully thank all the Councils for their kindness and hospitality whilst on my visits. Above all, I most cordially thank our Grand Recorder, Companion FAY HEMPSTEAD, who has rendered me every assistance and helped me most materially in my official work. Without his help I am sure my report would not have been nearly so satisfactory to myself, whatever may be your verdict of my shortcomings.

"The work I've done is with you; may be some things went wrong,
Like a note that mars the music in the sweet flow of a song.
But, Companions, when you think of me, I only wish you would
Say, as the Master said of one, 'He hath done what he could.'"

With the Grand Recorder's Report, and the circulars sent out bearing the tenderest words of sympathy to the bereaved, and fraternal memorials to the dead, from the Grand Master and Grand Recorder, there can be no better evidence that these Companions are well named and called "Illustrious."

While GRACE has departed and left the Chair of the Committee on Correspondence, it is now filled with abounding love; and it is said that "he laughs best who laughs last," so we may expect many a smile from *Ill.·.* Comp. R. J. LAUGHLIN, the new Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, whom we welcome to the tripod. As he has been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New Brunswick, near his own Grand Council, he should have conferred upon him the Red Cross degree, or Babylonish Pass, to be equal with those who have received that degree, which is conferred in the Grand Council he represents.

In his Report on Correspondence he reviews the proceedings of 15 Grand Councils, including California, which covers 15 pages and he gives a page and a third to California.

Concerning our report of last year, he quotes from his predecessor and says:—

"They continue to 'jump on us with both feet' about our resolution of 1897. Well, perhaps they do not understand the situation. We may have our *numbers complete* after a while, and then we can be as independent in the Council as we are in the Chapter."

To which we reply, it may be, and perhaps they think and believe that "by GRACE they are saved."

He also quotes a full page from our report of last year, in which we gave the history of the Ark of the Covenant, taken from the scriptural and Josephus' account, for which we return our thanks, and so ought every Companion in his jurisdiction, for enlightening them. He is also right when he says, "We have always solicited Royal Arch Masons to take the Council degrees, and we presume that there are no *indiscreet* Select Masters."

His review is well written; he makes admirable selections, and so far as ability and good judgment go, he from the very start gives full evidence that he is a valuable addition to the reportorial corps of reviewers. He is not like the fellow whom Pat told he was "like the figure 9 with the tail cut off." He will be found equal to the highest sacred number of a Select Master with the full appendage thereto.

We congratulate REUBEN on his re-appointment and the Companions in Arkansas upon having such good officers when they re-elected *M.·. Ill.·.* THOMAS M. HORSFALL as Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. FAY HEMPSTEAD as Grand Recorder.

There was a YELL at Buena Vista when he and his horse fell, and Arkansas mourned for her gallant son.

COLORADO.

1899.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Colorado met in fifth Annual Assembly at Masonic Temple, in the city of Denver, on September 22, 1899, A. Dep. 2899, at 10 o'clock A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN HUMPHREYS, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There were present representatives from six out of the nine constituent Councils (the proceedings say "Chapters," but this is evidently an accidental error). All of the Grand Officers were present. *Ill.·.* Comp. CALVIN E. REED, the Grand Representative of California, being present, and as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

The membership of this Jurisdiction is 428, being an increase of 193 or a little more than 45 per cent. for the previous year, there having been no less

than 151 Companions greeted, 39 affiliated, and a loss of only 14 by death and other causes, which is indeed gratifying to note in our lately troubled sister Jurisdiction, where in the region of the Rockies, harmony now prevails upon the highest mountains, on the *mesas* or table lands and in the lowest valley. Colorado, we greet you.

The Grand Master's address is a very able document and covers ten pages of the Proceedings, which gives a full account of his stewardship, which is very gratifying indeed. He pays full credit to his officers who have aided him during his very active term and under whom the remarkable increase of interest in the Cryptic Rite has been so greatly manifested. He reviews the Necrology of the different Grand Councils in a most loving, tender and sympathetic manner, including that of California, in the death of *R.·. Ill.·.* Companion SAMUEL WARBURTON, Grand Sentinel. He announces the appointment of our universally beloved and venerable Companion *R.·. Ill.·.* JACOB HART NEFF, as the Grand Representative of that Jurisdiction near the Grand Council of California, and no better appointment could possibly be made. We only hope that when the time comes for him to ascend the golden ladder to the Celestial Secret Vault above, that he will not pull the ladder up after him and leave his Companions in despair below; but we have no fears that he will do so, although he is still a bachelor, but a true and tried husband to the widows and a father to the orphans of his deceased Brethren and Companions. Like his name there is a big HEART in JACOB NEFF, and it has not dried up or shrunk, but enlarged with his years and overflowing with goodness, generosity and true fraternal liberality, who is *R.·. Ill.·.* now and will be *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master of our Grand Council in this the last year of the Nineteenth Century, the most brilliant since the early dawn of the civilization of man.

Grand Master HUMPHREYS gives a full account of his official acts in detail concerning the "PILGRIMAGE OF CRYPTIC MASONS FROM KANSAS AND OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS, AUGUST 6TH TO 12TH, 1899, INCLUSIVE" to Colorado and Pike's Peak, to confer the degrees of the Cryptic Rite, for which he granted the necessary dispensations, it meeting with the approval of the *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL, of the General Grand Council of the United States and of which he says:—

"The Pilgrimage infused new life into several Councils in this Jurisdiction, and it enabled them to largely increase their membership, to hold Stated Assemblies when previously it often failed for lack of a quorum, and no doubt it was the means of inducing a number of Companions to join a Council, who will make live active workers. The pilgrimage is familiar to you all, and many of you were present at the exemplification of the three degrees in Denver, where the work was beautifully rendered.

"In due course of time the dispensation was returned to me with a full report of the work done, of which the following is a summary:—

Denver	Council, No.	1,	elected and	greeted	29	at	$10.00 =	$290.00
"	" "	1,	"	" not "	1	"	10.00 =	10.00
Rocky Mountain	" "	2,	"	"	4	"	9.00 =	36.00
Pueblo	" "	6,	"	"	12	"	9.00 =	108.00
Hiram	" "	7,	"	"	3	"	8.00 =	24.00
Zabud	" "	8,	"	"	34	"	8.50 =	289.00
"	" "	8,	"	" not "	2	"	8.50 =	17.00
Total					85			$774.00
From Kansas and other States					121			
Grand Total					206			

We have thus quoted the above, as it seems there were four prices for the degrees conferred or a sliding scale, *Denver* Council candidates having to pay the fee of $10.00; *Rocky Mountain* and *Pueblo* Councils, $9.00; *Hiram* Council, $8.00, and *Zabud* Council, $8.50. No explanation is given for the difference in the fees charged.

That portion of the Grand Master's Address referring to this Pilgrimage from Kansas in particular and other jurisdictions in general, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which made their report thereon, which we quote in full, as it is in contemplation, to have a similar pilgrimage to California in the near future, when it is proposed to repeat the same on Mt. Hamilton, Mt. Tamalpais, Mt. Shasta and upon El Capitan or other mountain peaks of the Yosemite, and finish the work in the Masonic Temple in this city. The following is the report of the

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made report as follows, which on motion of Comp. THOMAS E. SHEARS, was received, accepted and adopted:—

" DENVER, COLORADO, September 22, 1899.

" *To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of R.·. and S.·. M.·. of Colorado* :—

" Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred certain portions of the Grand Master's address, fraternally report :—

" That the By-Laws approved by the Grand Master and the special commissions and dispensations issued by him be affirmed by this Grand Council.

" We also approve of the action of the Grand Master, in refusing certain dispensations, the reasons therefor presented seeming to be good and sufficient for such denial.

" Regarding the pilgrimage of the Cryptic Masons of Kansas and other Grand Jurisdictions, we beg to report, that inasmuch as the inception, incidents, pilgrimage and return to their homes have all now passed into history, we believe it therefore incumbent upon your committee to express to the craft in this and other jurisdictions the impression left upon us by the several events.

" The growing desire among Masons for public display by parades, public installations, pilgrimages and other showy ceremonies are not conducive to the best interests of Masonry, and by reason of their publicity invite the criticism of the profane, and for this alone, if no other reason existed, should be discouraged or positively forbidden.

" Your committee, therefore, realizing that the peculiar circumstances surrounding the action of our Grand Master in permitting the invasion of our

jurisdiction, were sufficient, in his opinion, to justify his action. We recommend that the precedent thus established be hereafter discountenanced.

"Fraternally submitted,

"J. W. PEABODY,
"CROMWELL TUCKER,
"JETHRO C. SANFORD."

After having invited and welcomed the circus and to ascend Pike's Peak and perform ceremonies as our ancient brethren and companions did on the highest hills and the lowest valleys, the report of the committee will not probably deter other jurisdictions from repeating the incident and not leave Colorado to have all the honor and glory of it in that respect to itself. Virginia Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., of Virginia City, Nevada, first set the example on September 9, 1875, on Mt. Davidson, at which the Grand Master and nearly all of the Grand Officers were present. The lodge at that time, however, had no other place to meet, Colorado Cryptic Masons may have found the air under the Nine Arches at so great an altitude a little light; but they certainly could have felt the inspiration of the occasion, without having to retire for spiritual refreshment, which some with weak lungs may have done a little too often, and on descending to a lower atmosphere, could not overcome its density while some of the crypts may have been full of carbonic acid gas.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM W. FIELD was elected Grand Master and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

1899.

The Eighty-first Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of New Haven, on the 8th day of May, A. D. 1899, Anno. Dep. 2899, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M., *M.·. P.·.* EDGAR W. LATHAM, Grand Master, presiding, and *Th.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES MCCORMICK keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 21 Councils in this independent jurisdiction, with a membership of 3,595, being an increase of 97 over the previous year, and all of the Councils being represented. *Ill.·.* Comp. A. B. SHUMWAY, the Representative of California, being also present.

Grand Master LATHAM, in his Annual Address, says:—

"Cryptic Masonry in the State of Connecticut is in a very prosperous condition. There are no dissensions among the Craft, and I have not been called upon to decide any legal questions.

"Under date of August 3, 1898, we were notified that the differences existing between the General Grand Council and the Grand Council of Colorado had been healed. Let *us* have peace."

He had visited five Subordinate Councils during his term, and found the work good and true. In speaking of *Franklin* Council, No. 3, at Norwich, he says:—

"I found the Companions awaiting me with the kind-hearted patience for which they are noted. I witnessed the work in the three degrees of the Cryptic Rite, and of course it was all according to the Ritual, as *Franklin* Council can do no wrong. The banquet was all right, *but we had no berries, and it did not take me five days to get home.*"

There is evidently a great deal of concealed meaning in this last sentence. In that jurisdiction he officially *connected to cut.* He visited *Waterbury* Council, No. 21, at Waterbury, to obtain the time and witness the work, and remarks:—

"Of course, after the work, which was well done, came the usual banquet. This ends my official visitations for the year. I find the Councils of the State doing good work; trying to keep to the standard; their records well kept; and their finances satisfactory."

The next three Grand Officers in line made their reports, which were of a similar character.

The Report on Correspondence is by *P.·. P.·. G.·. M.·.* JOHN H. BARLOW, in which he ably reviews the proceedings of 19 Grand Councils, reviewing those of 6 Independent Grand Councils first, and 13 of the constituents of the General Grand Council, covering 47 pages of well-digested matter, 4 of which is generously given to California. He quotes approvingly what we said in relation to the "iron-clad oath of allegiance to the General Grand Council, which that Grand Body has repealed. He also fully endorses what we wrote last year in relation to the Arkansas rule, in that Grand Council, authorizing Subordinate Councils to continue suspended Royal Arch Masons in good standing in the Councils. He says:—

"Connecticut receives three pages of fraternal notice, of which about two are devoted to our Report on Correspondence; we gratefully appreciate his kind words. We copy the conclusion of this interesting report, and rejoice with him that the General Grand Council has taken some of his excellent advice, and that all contentions and differences have been healed."

He gives us too much credit in this matter. It was Parson HUNTINGTON, down in Tennessee, our good and beloved General Grand Master, BRADFORD NICHOL, who deserves the credit of bleaching out that Colorado stain, which had been fixed by that Wabash dye spilled upon it. Concerning it, however, he quotes the following amiable fraternal expression of Comp. MORDHURST, of Indiana, upon Connecticut recognizing the Grand Council of Colorado, which first organized as an Independent Grand Council, and which has never been *disorganized or dissolved*, but retains its autonomy, records and history, and by its own action, in amending its Constitution, became a constituent of the General Grand Council, and continues to number its Annual Assemblies from the very beginning. It was never dissolved. He quotes:—

"Had our good Companion restrained his misdirected zeal for awhile, he would not be compelled to '*eat dirt.*'"

To this, our *Ill.·.* Companion BARLOW dignifiedly rejoins as follows:—

"We fail to see any '*eating of dirt.*' Connecticut extended the same welcome, and it is no less cordial now that she has become a constituent of the General Grand Council."

T.·. I.·. Comp. STEPHEN J. LYON was elected *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, and *T.·. I.·.* Comp. JAMES MCCORMICK re-elected Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

1899.

The Annual Meeting of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W. C., on Thursday, 9th o. March, 1899, Comp. LOVELAND LOVELAND, Q. C., Deputy Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. C. F. MATIER, P. D. G. M., Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 24 Councils on the roll, 13 only of which had made returns or paid annual dues. There are 857 members on the rolls in this Jurisdiction.

The Grand Recorder read his report of the progress of the Cryptic Rite and presented his financial account from which we take the following:—

"March 9, 1899.

"During the year ending the 28th February, 1899, 31 certificates were issued, making a total of 857 members registered.

"The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master was pleased to grant a Warrant for a new Council, to be held at Liverpool, and called the 'Royal Solomon Council, No. 24.' This was consecrated on Friday, 24th February, at the Alexandra Hotel, Liverpool, by the Grand Recorder, assisted by Illus. Comps. CHARLES BELTON, T. P. DORMAN, WM. VINCENT, and R. J. VOISEY, and the large number of 15 candidates were admitted to the Cryptic degrees. Afterwards Comp. CHARLES S. BREWER was installed as *T.·. Ill.·. M.·.*, and the various officers were duly invested.

"This Council bids fair to be one of the most prosperous under this Grand Council.

"Our relations with our sister Grand Councils continue to be of the most friendly character, and we continue to exchange with them yearly reports.

"The Grand Master has been pleased to reappoint *R.·. Ill.·.* Companion R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, Q. C., to be Deputy Grand Master, and has the greatest pleasure in thanking him and the other Grand Officers for their untiring efforts to promote the best interests of the Grand Council.

"All the Councils in England have made the annual return and paid the dues for the year ending 31st December, 1898, as required by the Constitution."

The Grand Treasurer begs to submit a statement of accounts up to date, which has been duly audited. (See pages 8 and 9.)

The Acting *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master then said:—

"I think that you will agree that that report is most satisfactory. We are not only financially better than last year, but we have added to our list of Councils one very flourishing addition which has started with a large number of candidates, and which we hope will continue to flourish.

"I will ask a Companion to move the adoption of the report."

This was done. The Grand Treasurer only was elected, being re-elected. All the other Grand Officers were appointed by the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, who was not present, but they were invested or installed by the Deputy Grand Master.

As usual, the appropriation of ten guineas was voted "*as an honorarium*" to the Grand Recorder, who returned his thanks.

The degree of Royal Master was then exemplified by Comp. R. J. VOISEY, the Grand Lecturer. There is no Report on Correspondence.

The EARL of EUSTON continues as *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and Comp. T. F. MATIER as Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

1899.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia met in the Fifty-sixth Annual Assembly, in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Macon, at ten o'clock A. M., April 25th, 1899, Year of Deposit, 2899, *M.·. Ill.·.* ORLANDO MCCLENDON, Grand Master, presiding and *R. . Ill.·.* W. A. WOLIHIN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 30 Councils (17 Councils reporting) in this Jurisdiction with a membership of 501.

In reviewing the Proceedings of the Grand Council of Georgia, we discover an immense pile of the richest treasures in the Ninth Arch of its Secret Vault, which is not only strong and safe but fire proof and the jewels of the highest carat fine, and the gems contained therein of priceless value.

The Address of the Grand Master is superb, brotherly and affectionate, through and through, from which we take the following:—

"The condition of Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction is good. The Subordinate Councils generally are in a flourishing condition, and the tendency seems to be upward. The impetus given the Rite in this Jurisdiction by Past Grand Master BURR, during his incumbency of the office, is still bearing fruit in the renewed interest still felt. I can remember the time when the Rite was all but dead in this State, and there was a strong tendency towards letting our beautiful and instructive Degrees degenerate into side Degrees of the Chapter. But that time has long passed, and, thanks to the labors of Grand Master BURR and his predecessors, this calamity has not only been averted, but the Rite has entered upon a course which will likely keep us in the front ranks of Grand Councils."

Two new Councils were organized under charter and two Councils under dispensation. Georgia is alive in the Secret Vault. He says:—

"The Grand Lecturer, HENRY C. BURR, during the year has visited nearly all the Councils, and all are doing some work. Masons are becoming more inclined to take the Council Degrees. Those who are in search of light and more light, are beginning to realize that they cannot complete their Masonic education without the Council Degrees, thus making the outlook brighter."

He made the following just decision:—

"Only one question of law has been submitted for my decision: 'Does a suspension of a member of a Council by the Symbolic Lodge having juris-

diction over him, *ipso facto* work a suspension in the Council?' This question I decided in the affirmative."

In the closing of his address he spoke eloquently as follows:—

"*Companions*—I congratulate you on the condition of the Rite, as you have made it. I feel proud that I am one of you. And I feel prouder still that you have deemed me worthy to preside over you. I feel that I owe this to your partiality, and that but for your generous efforts and good will, the Craft would not have made such progress. I am deeply grateful for the uniform kindness and consideration shown me by you all. that my heart goes out to you in the tenderest manner; and I look forward to the time of our yearly assembly with the most pleasurable anticipation. Again, I say, let us silently and constantly thank the Giver of all good things for the kind and generous manner in which He has dealt with us. Let our labors in the Secret Vault be for His glory as well as for our good, and let the adoration of the twelfth hour be our everlasting joy."

M.·. Ill.·. HENRY C. BURR, Past Grand Master, was presented with a beautiful jewel by *R.·. Ill.·.* Deputy Grand Master W. A. DAVIS in one of the most ornate and eloquent addresses that we have ever read, and was responded to in equally appropriate and eloquent terms by *M.·. Ill.·.* HENRY BURR, who was the deserved recipient of this mark of recognition of his services. We regret that we have not space to reproduce them. The Secret Vault of Georgia is a live jurisdiction and its working instruments have all been sharpened with the *Burr* on.

The Report on Correspondence is by *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. W. S. RAMSAY, who reviews the Proceedings of 31 Grand Councils in 26 pages of well-written matter, in which one page is given to California of 1898. He quotes freely from the address of Grand Master HENRY ASCROFT, and of our Report he says:—

"We have reviewed with pleasure the splendid Report on Correspondence from the able pen of Companion EDWIN A. SHERMAN, Chairman. His report covers seventy pages. Thirteen pages are devoted to the Proceedings of the General Grand Council and Colorado. He discusses the matter in a dignified manner though he takes issue with the General Grand Council. He emphatically condemns the practice of nominations for office. He reviews pleasantly, but critically, the Proceedings of thirty Grand Councils, and presents decidedly the most interesting review that passes under our hands. We would be glad to extract liberally from this report, but our space forbids. Georgia receives fraternal regard."

We get down from the tripod at once, after reading the above unexpected commentary, and prepare to mend the broken triangle with Comp. RAMSAY. Alas, poor mortal as we are, we are too old to run after the aquatic poultry for quills, to make pens, and can only say in reply, that we do not deserve this encomium of praise from our Georgia Companion RAMSAY, the first half of whose name are the initials of a Royal Arch Mason, and in the Secret Vault he has had his *say*, and *Rammed* us with it, and the blow comes from Dublin, *ex cathedra*, from the Committee on Correspondence.

He says in conclusion:—

"At the earnest request of our most highly esteemed Most Illustrious Grand Master, ORLANDO MCCLENDON, I have prepared this review. I have

tried to restrict this report to such limits as our funds will justify, remembering that in the language of Mackey, 'His report should contain a succinct account of everything of importance that is passing in the Masonic world.'"

Says King Solomon: "Words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in pictures of silver." The quotation from Mackey does honor and credit to the head and the heart of Companion RAMSEY, who has chosen our model upon which to lay out his design and works close to the same pattern, and he cannot fail or materially err in following it.

He is the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Georgia, and when he carries the Great Light to Timbuctoo, he can take along his hymn-book, too, and sing "Hosanna in the Highest" with the rest of his Companions in the Ninth Arch.

But we must pass on.

M.·. Ill.·. ORLANDO MCCLENDON was deservedly re-elected Grand Master and *R.·. Ill.·.* W. A. WOLIHIN equally so re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

1899.

The Forty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois was held in the Masonic Temple, City of Chicago, on the twenty-fifth of October, A. D. 1899, A. Dep. 2899, at ten o'clock A. M., *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM L. MILLIGAN, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* GIL BARNARD, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 60 Councils in this Jurisdiction, but 20 of them made no returns and paid no dues for the past year. The 40 Councils which made returns and were represented, return a membership of 2,994, being a gain of 218 for that year. Comp. JOHN A. LADD, the representative of California, was present.

The Address of the Grand Master is a beautiful piece of work, and the Companion who wrought it we trust ere long will again be Grand Master MILLIGAN.

After a cordial greeting to his fellow Companions, he speaks most eloquently as follows:—

"We have cause to congratulate each other that the star of Cryptic Masonry rides high in the heavens, clear and undimmed, no storm in its atmosphere, no cloud on its orbit. Prosperity, peace and harmony encircle and abide in our councils, and fellowship and brotherly love bind closely together the hearts of the fraternity. * * * * * * * * *

HOME.

"Since the human heart yearns for a more serene home than earth affords, why should we not brush away the rising tear when another soul has gone to join the white-robed throng? The attempt to better one's condition is the absorbing thought of life. Yet trouble enters each door immediately behind pleasure. The hearse follows closely the bridal carriage. The merry

bells have scarcely sent their joyous echoes into surrounding space ere they begin to give forth their solemn notes, and in response the living come and plant the acacia upon another grave."

He then announces the deaths of two of the Illustrious Companions of that Grand Council, Past Master JAMES A. HAWLEY, and our old California friend and Companion, Rev. HENRY G. PERRY, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Illinois, and of ten others of the various Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, and utters tender words of love and sympathy to their mourning relatives and friends. He then briefly reviews his official acts and closes with the following:—

"I have, I know, fallen far short of the full performance of the trust reposed in me, and we are told there is a most undesirable abode paved with good intentions; there is yet comfort in the reflection that

> "Thy purpose firm is equal to the deed;
> Who does the best his circumstance allows,
> Does well, acts nobly; angels could do no more."

The "Committee on Jurisprudence on General Grand Council" made its report upon the conditions existing and what would be required of the Grand Council of the State of Illinois in case it was disposed to become a constituent of the General Grand Council, and obtained from General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL answers to the following questions, which are very important:—

"*First.* The status of our members, or more particularly, those who have received the degrees in Chapters?

"*Second.* What rights, if any, it would be necessary for us to relinquish?

"*Third.* If any change in our present Ritual would be required?

"*Fourth.* To what extent we are bound by the allegiance clause contained in the Constitution of the General Grand Council?

"*Fifth.* The additional expense which would be incurred by such union?"

To which General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL replied, and the Committee reported as follows:—

"*First.* That the admission of Chapter-made Council Masons into Councils makes them Council Masons the same as if they had received the degrees in a regular Council; that State Grand Councils are the judges of their own members and visitors, and are qualified and permitted to regulate their own internal affairs, and that the General Grand Council does not assume to dictate as to the manner or under what circumstances State Grand Councils shall receive or admit visitors or members; from this it would appear that there could be no question regarding the status of our members.

"*Second.* After a careful investigation of the Constitution of the General Grand Council, and Grand Councils under its obedience, we are unable to observe very much difference between their law and our own, and do not feel that a union with the General Grand Council would require any material change except to amend our Constitution to conform to that of the General Grand Council so far as refers to a union of the two bodies.

"*Third.* The General Grand Council does not require State Grand Councils to adopt its Ritual, but recommends it as a means of uniformity.

"*Fourth.* The allegiance clause of the General Grand Council is not necessarily permanent; *there is no law or ruling compelling a Grand Council to remain a member should they desire to withdraw therefrom.*

"*Fifth.* The law of the General Grand Council provides that each State Grand Council shall pay annual dues of fifty cents for each Chartered Council in their Jurisdiction.

This was signed by all of the Committee, and a Supplemental Report was also presented by it recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved.* That this Grand Council accept the invitation of the General Grand Council to unite with them and become a constituent thereof."

Both reports were received, and, after debate, the resolution of the majority of the Committee was put to vote and declared lost.

There are several fatal errors in the Constitution and Regulations of the General Grand Council, and General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL being governed by a fraternal spirit and desire for the union of the Grand Council of Illinois with the General Grand Council made his decisions accordingly, and what should be the law and not what it is, but a conjunction of opposites which neutralize and destroy each other, and the State Grand Councils are not on an equal footing in the General Grand Council through the bungling of ill-advised and hasty legislation and the overweening desire to have and exercise authority over somebody else whom it desired to imperiously govern, and established a false basis and made a declaration as to what is the fundamental law and usage of Freemasonry, which is totally at variance with the history of the planting of Masonry and establishing of Grand Lodges in this country, at least west of the Alleghany Mountains. It is a declaration not founded either on Masonic truth or fact, and will not bear the test of the crucible.

Sections 14 and 15 of the Constitution are at utter variance. The former is mandatory and the latter permissible to nullify the former, which read as follows:—

"*Sec.* 14. Every Council of Royal and Select Masters must have a charter or dispensation from the General Grand Council, or from some Grand Council *working independently of any other branch of Masonry, and no Council shall be deemed legal without such dispensation or charter*; AND MASONIC COMMUNICATION, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, IS HEREBY INTERDICTED AND FORBIDDEN BETWEEN ANY COUNCIL OR ASSEMBLY *that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden without such charter*, OR ANY PERSON ASSUMED TO BE RECEIVED OR GREETED THEREIN.

"*Sec.* 15. STATE GRAND COUNCILS *shall determine the legal status* of the Royal and Select Masters of their several jurisdictions."

Section 14 it will be seen is directly contrary to the decision of the General Grand Master, who indirectly admits that the Councils of Royal and Select Masters within the bosoms or attached to Royal Arch Chapters are legal by saying "That the admission of Chapter made Council Masons into Councils, makes them Council Masons the same as if they had received the degrees in a regular Council; that the State Grand Councils are the judges of their own members. And that the General Grand Council does not assume to dictate the manner or under what circumstances State Grand Councils shall receive or admit visitors or members."

Again, the following resolution adopted at the last Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council reads as follows:

NEW GRAND COUNCILS.

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this General Grand Council, that by the fundamental law of Freemasonry, all Grand Councils legally formed by councils chartered by this body, are subject to its Constitution and laws, without any special clause in their Constitution to that effect, *and can sever that allegiance only by its consent*. All Grand Councils which have adopted such a clause in their Constitution, as a condition of their organization are hereby authorized to repeal it. [Adopted 1897, Proceedings, page 92]."

Such legislation and such enactment is of similar character as the former, and makes the keystones of the nine arches out of worse than wet sand. Every Grand Council that is a constituent of the General Grand Council, created by itself, is the peer of every other, no matter whether constituent under its authority or not. The Grand Council of Colorado has as much right to withdraw its allegiance as that of California or of Illinois if once admitted. There is but one bond or tie on each.

This resolution should be wiped out entirely for it is of no good purpose whatever. All stand upon the pavement of the General Grand Secret Vault alike and this resolution will be a continual source of complaint and irritation that bodes no good to the welfare and harmony of the Cryptic Rite, even though these Grand Councils which adopted the iron-clad clause of allegiance to the General Grand Council in their excessive zeal of loyalty are authorized to repeal it, and are relieved by the Supreme Council which takes that matter upon itself.

The General Grand Council is but a Congress of Free State Grand Councils, or it is no part of Freemasonry, and the same laws should be equitable that govern all. There has been too much of a disposition manifested heretofore, to consolidate and concentrate all power, all authority, legislative and judicial, in the executive, producing a congestion *caput magnum* until relieved by a level-headed, broad-minded, generous and liberal-hearted companion like our beloved General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL, and only with such men at the head will the free craftsmen have a mind to work and the Cryptic Rite made to prosper. "The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life."

The proceedings of our Grand Council had not been received and consequently had not been reviewed.

M.·. *Ill*.·. FREDERICK E. HOBERG was elected Grand Master and our *Ill*.·. Comp. GIL BARNARD re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

1899.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Indiana assembled in Forty-fourth Annual Meeting in Masonic Temple, in the City of Indianapolis, at 2 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday the 17th day of October, A.

D., 1839, A. Dep. 2899. *Ill.·.* JOHN W. POTTINGER, Grand Master presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 51 Councils with a membership of 2776 in this Jurisdiction, there being a gain of 118 over the previous year, 48 Councils being represented. Comp. ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK, the Representative for California, being also present

The address of the Grand Master is a thorough business-like paper.

Two new Councils chartered at the last session and one new one under dispensation had been constituted.

Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, the Grand Recorder, made his Eleventh Annual Report and in it reported that he had, during that time, received and turned over to Comp. MARTIN H. RICE, Grand Treasurer, the gross sum of $16,003.19, for all of which he holds the receipts, that the funds have not gone "where the woodbine twineth." The amount in the Grand Treasury, October 16, 1899, being $1,439.34, which is a good showing for the Rite in that State. They make the Councils pay up or promptly revoke their Charters.

The Committee on Necrology were evidently reporting for the "Shrine."

"As a Grand Body the passing year has cast upon us no dark shadow. Not once has the *black camel* paused at our gateway."

We would like to see a camel enter the Secret Vault. He might possibly get in with one hump, but certainly not with two, and he would have to shift that over under his belly, but his hind hoofs would interfere, most certainly That, certainly, must have been a dromedary committee upon *neck roll O. G.*

The "Report of Committee on Visiting Companions," is certainly one of the most unique things of self-gratulations that we have come across for many a day, and is only equalled by Sir Patrick O'Boyle's invitation to a friend in Dublin: "If ye ever come within a mile of my place, *plaze shtop there.*" The Report is by Past *Ill.·.* Grand Master ANDREW J. ROBINSON, and signed by all of the Committee.

"*To the Grand Council:*

"Your Committee report that the Grand Council has not been favored at this meeting with any distinguished visitors from abroad, *therefore, our labors have been light and pleasant.*

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. ROBINSON,
WILLIAM R. EVANS,
FARMER J. JAMES,
} Committee."

"*Which was concurred in.*"

That is like the school boy who was asked by the master how he would like to be whipped. The boy replied: "Like the Italian art of penmanship." "How is that," inquired the pedagogue. The boy replied: "With the heavy strokes upward, and the down ones light."

Ill.·. Comp. JOHN BOROUGH, not from *Ahisha awake here*, but Mishawaka, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE re-elected, and for the twelfth time, Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

1899.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas convened in its Thirty-first Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple in the city of Leavenworth, Kansas, on Monday, February 13, A. D. 1899, A. Dep. 2899, at 9 o'clock A. M., with Grand Officers present, *M.·. Ill.·.* AARON H. CONNETT, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* ANDREW M. CALLAHAN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work

M.·. Ill.·. ROBERT E. TORRINGTON, P. G. M., the Grand Representative of California, was also present.

There are twelve Councils in this Jurisdiction with a membership of 907, being a gain of 158 and of 21 per cent. over the previous year. Eight Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's Address shows that he has been an active, intelligent and an energetic overseer of the work in his Jurisdiction. Dispensations for two new Councils had been granted by him. One, "*Three Time Nine Council*" at Ossawatomie, and *Ellsworth* Council at Ellsworth. This latter Council was instituted on August 19, 1898, by THORP B. JENNINGS, Deputy Grand Master, duly commissioned by the Grand Master, and the degrees were conferred upon twenty-two candidates by *Ill.·.* Comp. EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, *T.·. Ill.·. M.·.*, and of this Council which he had visited the Grand Master spoke as follows:—

"It is simply impossible, Companions, to fully and adequately describe the beautiful Temple of Masonry which our Companions at Ellsworth—out in the short grass country from where, like Nazareth, no good was supposed could come—have erected. Suffice it for me to say, that it is one of the most beautiful and well-appointed Lodge rooms it has been my privilege to see. Too much cannot be said of this new Council, instituted on the 19th day of August last, and now numbering *nearly* 150 *members*—the second largest Council in the State. To *Ill.·.* Comp. EDWARD W. WELLINGTON must be conceded not only the building and completing of this beautiful Temple of Masonry, but the organization and building up of the new Council; he has spent not only a great deal of valuable time in securing members for the Council, but has also contributed freely of his private means to build and beautify the new Lodge room, and to entertain visiting Companions.

"The influence and stimulus to Cryptic Masonry which will be afforded by this new Council cannot help but be of great benefit, not only to our State, but throughout the country at large."

This was prophetic, for the pilgrimage to Pike's Peak and Denver, on August 6, 1899, where the work was done by *Ellsworth* Council, added 206 Companions to the Cryptic Rite.

The Report of Committee on New Councils, in speaking of new Councils, said of *Ellsworth* Council:—

"We believe that the work and achievements of this Council U. D. is one of the most remarkable to be found in the history and record of the Cryptic Rite. We find that this Council U. D. started out with nine original petitioners, has met in twelve assemblies, the first on August 19, 1898, the twelfth on January 31, 1899. During this period twelve Companions received the approval of the Council, and their names were added to the original petition by the Grand Master; 113 passed the circle, and 47 have been elected who have not yet received the degrees, making a total of 172 elected for degrees and membership.

"This Council U. D. is out of debt, owns personal property to the value of $829.94, and its financial exhibit shows an exhibit of assets over liabilities in the sum of $783.57.

"The Committee deem it proper to call attention of the Grand Council to the record of this new Council as an illustration of the fact that a few, good, strong councils, in the hands of zealous and industrious Companions, can and do accomplish more in the cause than a larger number of weak councils whose membership is small and whose members are lukewarm in their interest and labors.

"To *Ill.·.* Comp. WELLINGTON and his loyal, enthusiastic associate Companions the greatest praise is due, and your Committee takes pleasure in expressing in this report our congratulations and admiration for the results of the toil of these zealous Companions whose record, we believe, stands unparalleled in any Grand Jurisdiction in the United States."

The Committee also praised the *Ill.·.* Deputy Master, HERMAN F. HOESMAN and *Ill.·.* Princ. Cond. of the Works, NELSON BRUNER, as well as the Recorder of that Council, which was well deserved.

The Report on Correspondence is by our *Ill.·.* Companion, A. M. CALLAHAM, the Grand Recorder, who reviews the proceedings of 22 Grand Councils, covering 30 pages, nearly one page being given to California.

M.·. Ill.·. THORP B. JENNINGS was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM M. SHAVER elected Grand Recorder, *R.·. P.·. Ill.·.* Deputy General Grand Master WILLIAM H. MAYO being present was invited and installed the officers.

MAINE.

1899.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Maine held its Forty-fifth Annual Assembly at Masonic Hall, in Portland, on Wednesday, the third day of May, A. L. 5899, A. D. 1899, A. Dep. 2899, at two o'clock in the afternoon, *M.·. Ill.·.* FRANK E. SLEEPER presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 17 Councils with a membership of 2518 on the roll of this Grand Council, being an increase of 121 over the previous year. Thirteen Councils were represented. *Ill.·.* Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, the Grand Representative of California, was also present.

The Grand Master's Address is a plain, straight forward, businesslike report, modest in tone but thorough in its details and an honest account of the transactions of his office. In it he speaks of visiting *Alpha* Council,

No. 3, at Hallowell, presided over by *R.·. Ill.·.* Dep. Grand Master Comp. JAMES E. BLANCHARD, when he says:—

"All three degrees were conferred upon twelve candidates in a manner which made a strong impression upon me, as I feel sure it did upon the candidates. *A chariot race* (from Ben Hur, I judge), which was quite new to me and very exciting, was a feature of the work which gave Companion PLAISTED an opportunity of displaying his great skill as a driver."

Well! Well! Wonders will never cease. The Secret Vault converted into a hippodrome! But hold! before we attempt to judge too hastily in this matter. Companion PLAISTED may in the Degree of the Super Excellent in trying to represent the attempt of King Zedekiah to escape from Jerusalem, have unwittingly tried to represent Elijah starting in his chariot of fire for the Celestial Secret Vault above, while Grand Master SLEEPER, stricken with wonder like Elisha at the strange scene exclaimed, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof!" The Grasshopper Centaurs or Winged Cavalry of Kansas may now look to their laurels and the Bellerophons will require new reliefs of Pegasos to ascend from Pike's Peak to catch up with the Maine Troop. "Remember the Maine" entrance to the Secret Vault and don't be caught napping this side of the St. Croix.

The following is the admirable Conclusion of Grand Master SLEEPER'S Address, which shows that he is not an Ahishar:—

"*Companions:* A year ago, I hoped to come to you to-day bringing sheaves I had garnered, which would be of interest and profit to our craft. I keenly realized that your kindness in promoting me to the most honorable office in your power to bestow, and your forbearance in overlooking a possible disqualification, were far beyond my merit, and I desired to prove myself worthy of your confidence. As I look backward at the work of the year now closing, I am far from satisfied with the result, and yet, I can see nothing left undone, unless, by making a more vigorous effort, I might have accomplished something more in the line of visitation.

"'Labor with what zeal we will,
Something still remains undone,
Something uncompleted still
Waits the rising of the sun.'

"As I have said before, most of our Councils have a habit of reserving their candidates until they have a large number in readiness, conferring the Degrees only once or twice in a year. Companions then gather in large numbers, a banquet is usually spread and the evening made an eventful one. From this it results that visitations cannot always be arranged and our growth is spasmodic; but from my large acquaintance with the Companions in this Jurisdiction, and my personal knowledge of the condition of our Councils, I can assure you that you need have no fear for the future prosperity of Cryptic Masonry in Maine.

"I thank you, my Companions, I thank you in my heart more fervently than I can express in words, for the great honor of presiding over this Grand Council. May the work which we shall here perform this day be alike creditable to us and beneficial to those who have obtained entrance to our Secret Vault."

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. ALBRO C. CHASE, and covers 32 pages of well-digested matter, in which he reviews the proceedings

of 28 Councils, of which he gives a page and a quarter to California. He quotes approvingly from Grand Master ASCROFT's Address, and then from our remarks upon the suspension of delinquents for non-payment of dues, as well as what we said in relation to *New Brunswick* Grand Council's Constitution embracing also the Red Cross Degree.

M.·. Ill.·. JAMES C. BLANCHARD was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. STEPHEN BERRY re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN.

1900.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan convened for its Forty-second Annual Assembly in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Detroit, on Monday evening at seven o'clock, January 15th, A.D. 1900, A. Dep. 2900, *M.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE D. SMITH, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 59 Councils with a membership of 4,537, a net gain of 88, in this splendid Jurisdiction, of which 56 Councils made returns and 54 of which were represented. The Grand Recorder in his report says:—

"I am pleased to report the best degree of promptness ever shown by the Recorders in forwarding their annual returns and dues, and that instead of a dozen or more being withheld until the time of the Annual Assembly of this Grand Council and brought in here by the representatives at the very last moment, every one of the fifty-nine Councils except three forwarded its returns to my office within the time required by our laws, and all but four have paid dues in full."

To an outsider this is readily accoounted for, when one looks at the frontispiece of the Proceedings for 1900, which bears the half-tone photo of *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master GEORGE D. SMITH, whose sharp, keen look, with a suppressed grim smile, is like that of ye ancient school-master in ye olden time, who was satisfied on having duties and lessons correctly done without having to use reserved pedagogical powers with the ferule to compel compliance with the regulations. His address is totally free from all verbosity and reads like an official report of inspection of an army officer. It is terse and to the point. He pays brief but just tributes to the memory of Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Master GEORGE HENRY GREENE, all the Grand Officers attending the funeral in a body. To that of Past Grand Master CHARLES R. BAGG and of Comp. OLIVER BOURKE, Past Grand Recorder of that Grand Council. Like tributes were paid to the memories of the deceased of other jurisdictions in a brief but a sympathetic manner.

Grayling Council, No. 70, got a grilling and he recommended that its charter be revoked, which was done.

Upon the death of *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE H. GREENE, he had appointed *M.·. Ill.·.* CHARLES M. NORTON, *P.·. G.·. M.·.*, to fill the office of Grand Treasurer. He had made but few decisions, and they were as follows:—

"*Ques.* When a companion demits from a Chapter and presents his demit to another Chapter and is rejected, is the companion in good standing in the Council? *Ans.* Yes. The rejection does not affect his standing.

"*Ques.* Is he in good standing, if more than a year has elapsed since presenting his demit to a Chapter? *Ans.* Yes, as an involuntary non-affiliated companion.

"*Ques.* Can a companion be in good standing in the Council who is not in good standing in a Chapter? *Ans.* Not if the Council has Masonic information that he has been suspended. See page 23, Proceedings Jan., 1897.

"*Ques.* If a companion has been suspended from a Chapter, does that cut him off from the Council? *Ans.* Yes.

"*Ques.* Can a companion in the Council pay up his dues and ask for a demit, it not being his intention either to help form a new Council or join another Council, his object being to save paying dues? *Ans.* Yes.

"*Ques.* Is a Council obliged to grant him a demit under circumstances? *Ans.* No."

In all which "we concur."

The Report on Correspondence is by that genial and able Companion LOU B. WINSOR, which covers 79 pages, in which he reviews the proceedings of 31 Grand Councils, giving 4 pages to California, and quotes one full page from Grand Master ASH'S address upon which he correctly remarks as follows:—

"Grand Master ASH appears to have taken an active interest in looking after his Masonic household during his term of office. He reports having made several visitations during the year and witnessing the work which in each instance he reports as well done. We believe that these visitations of Grand Masters are great incentives to Councils to do good work and greatly tend to keep up the interest of the craft."

He issued to Comp. BAYARD A. CHURCH of St. Louis, Michigan, his commission as the representative of the Grand Council of California near the Grand Council of Michigan.

Comp. WINSOR further says in commenting upon this appointment:—

"Comp. CHURCH, you have the honor of representing a good live Grand Council. Companions of California, your representative near the Grand Council of Michigan is one of the most zealous laborers in our Masonic vineyard."

When a boy of ten years of age, and for sixty more which have since followed, we have frequently used a highly perfumed and cleansing standard soap, which was and we believe is still used by army and naval officers especially for shaving as well as by a vast number of people even long before the Colgate manufactured article appeared upon the market. That standard soap was put up in little hard, brown cakes, and retained its amylaceous and emolient properties indefinitely, and was a general favorite soap for long journeys, campaigns, and voyages in any climate, as well as for use at home. Now we are not writing an advertisement for any particular soap in this report, but that which we refer to was the renowned *Winsor* soap known the world over. But the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Council of Michigan gives us a large supply of *Winsor* soap in the soft form as follows. It will be for others to discover if

there is any great strength of liquid potash remaining in it. To use a Spanish expression, we should say that it is "*muy blandito y agradable.* He says of us:—

"The report on Foreign Correspondence is written by that eminent learned Masonic writer, Companion EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, being his seventh annual report. He covers sixty-eight pages, the same as last year, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils.

"We receive our first welcome among the reportorial corps from Companion SHERMAN, who opens up on us in this way."

He then quotes our welcome and says:—

"Well, here we are, again, Companion SHERMAN, and if we get anywhere near as cordial a reception from the 'other fellows' as we have from you, we shall be delighted to remain for a while in such charming society.

"Companion SHERMAN, in addition to his gifted talents with the pen, is evidently also a reader of character upon viewing a person's photograph, as witness his delineation of Past Grand Master NORTON, the accurateness of which can be freely vouched for by all of us who know our beloved Companion."

He then quotes what we said concerning him.

Under the head of Arkansas he quotes what we said in relation to the resolution of that Grand Council, which makes a Royal Arch Companion in no standing in his Chapter for suspension for non-payment of dues, to be in good standing in the Council, and says:—

"Well, Companion SHERMAN, I have noticed in the reading of the annual addresses of the Grand Masters of Arkansas, year after year, that they all report that Cryptic Masonry in Arkansas has no life in it, hence what could be more appropriate than such legislation allowing the membership of its chartered Councils to be filled up with suspended Royal Arch Masons. They certainly ought to furnish a corpse for a dead Council."

To which we reply as follows: Suspend them with derricks until the lewises rust out; they will then be dry enough to rattle when they fall but don't make a tomb or a receiving vault or a mere lime-pit filled with dead men's bones, of the Sacred Secret Vault of the Royal and Select Masters, Holy of Holies. He also says:—

"We should delight to take you through the various reviews of Companion SHERMAN, of our sister Grand Councils, as therein are found choice gems, rich, racy and rare, but we must bid him good-bye for another year.

"Long may you continue to regale us with your reports, Companion SHERMAN."

M.·. Ill.·. RICHARD A. CATTON was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. JEFFERSON S. CONOVER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

1899.

The Thirtieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota was held in the Masonic Temple, on Fifth Street, in the City of St. Paul, on Monday, October 9, A. D., 1899,

A. Dep. 2899, commencing at 2 P. M., *M.·. I.·.* JOHN FISHEL, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are now seven Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 687, being a loss of 8 during the previous year. All the Councils were represented! In the rival cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Council No. 2 of the former numbers 275, and Council No. 1 of the latter 123, or 29 more than 2 to 1. St. Paul Council, No. 1, may appropriately use the language of the Apostle to the Gentiles, "Of the hope and the resurrection of the dead I am called in question," and Minneapolis also quote from him, "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification."

The Grand Master's Address is purely a perfunctory report of his official actions, and with but little enthusiasm in it. He had officially visited three Councils, granted four dispensations to act on petitions and install officers, and one as follows:—

"July 18, 1899, I issued a dispensation to *Ellsworth* Council, No. 9, of Ellsworth, Kansas, to confer the degrees during their Pike's Peak Pilgrimage upon such Companions of this Jurisdiction as might present themselves with proper credentials, such Companions to become members of the Council or Councils issuing the credentials."

Here is directly an act of invasion of the jurisdictions and prerogatives of the Grand Masters and Grand Councils of both Kansas and Colorado. He might have requested the initiation to be performed, and obtained the consent of both; but his dispensation to do so was unconstitutional and unlawful, for it was beyond his territory and jurisdiction, and he had no lawful power, prerogative or right to grant it.

He had received only one request for a decision during the year.

"*Question.*—Can we accept the petition of a dimitted Chapter Mason?"

"*Answer.*—Yes, provided he is in good Masonic standing. Membership in the Chapter is not pre-requisite."

Upon the condition of the Rite and new Councils in his State, he says:—

"The Condition of the Rite in this Jurisdiction is not very encouraging. We have perhaps held our own, but have made no material advances. So far as my observation extends, the Officers of the various Councils are enthusiastic, but they do not receive from members that support they deserve. In several other Grand Jurisdictions I gather from reports that a similar condition of affairs exists. I can see no way to remedy this, except to make the Council Degrees pre-requisite to the Chivalric orders, and this we have been endeavoring to accomplish, lo! these many years, but without success. Let us, however, Companions, continue to labor in that direction, trusting that eventually we shall be granted that recognition to which we are justly entitled.

"For several years past each retiring Grand Master has been sanguine that his successor could, by only a little effort, secure applications for one or more new Councils. I will admit frankly that I have made no such effort, believing, that when conditions warrant it, the Companions will themselves

take the initiative. Experience and observation have proven to my satisfaction, that bodies which have to be *coddled* into existence must needs be continually *coddled* to keep them alive."

Grand Master FISHEL is after the feathered flying fish and casts his hook, bob and sinker and line into the air, and all his efforts and all the bait he may offer, will not bring down a single bird or get a Knight on horseback to agree to come under the bridge with the Nine Arches. The Royal Arch of entrance is single and above ground to the Stable and the Asylum for the Chivalric orders, and the use for fish with them is to cut off the tails of four at a time, and spread them outward to make the Cross of a Knight of Malta with, and with the Templar thereby will hang four inverted fish tails.

Grand Master FISHEL uses a word that long since has become obsolete which we have italicized as above. "*Coddled*," which means to parboil or soften by the heat of water. In olden times, to make much of. Apples are coddled when they are stewed. But we do not think he means to apply the word and its derivative in that sense. His own name is *Fishel* and he therefore means a little *cod* or *codling* and in his opinion a Council formed of a few *codlings* which would have to be continually fed would not amount to anything. We think he is mistaken. Give them a chance, and start them, and the result may be astonishing so that Minnesota can sing in the language of good old Dr. Watts,

"Ye monsters of the deep,
Your Maker's praises spout,
Ye little *Codlings* up and peep,
And wag your tails about."

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY as usual, in which he reviews the proceedings of 24 Councils in 23 pages, including California for 1899, to which he devotes three-fourths of a page, one-half of which is a quotation from the address of Grand Master ASH.

Upon our report he says:—

"The bulk of the pamphlet is taken up with Comp. E. A. SHERMAN'S seventh Report on Correspondence, an able review as usual, of twenty-four Grand Councils, including our own. We read it through with much interest. Much is said on the Colorado matter and an appeal is made for the revision of the legends contained in the rituals of the Chapter and Council degrees, to make them conform more nearly to the facts of history."

We thank Comp. MONTGOMERY for this terse statement, and hope that we can have both remodeled and fitted exactly to conform to both the sacred and profane historic accounts which agree. Let us teach Truth for the Truth's sake, and not that which Truth contradicts and makes a lie. We have no right to thus darken the sun and swear and teach anything in the way of fabricated legend, that gives the lie to the Great Light, upon which our companions are obligated, and which by its own statements makes us out liars in the face of Truth, and deserving of the punishment described by St. John the Evangelist to whom our Lodges are dedicated.

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in the book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

Masonic legends to illustrate truth should be founded on truth, and agree with history established and confirmed for three thousand years. Revise the rituals accordingly and make them right as they ought to be, and then intelligent men and Masons will value the degrees and be interested in them; and the Chapter will no longer be the mere stone upon which the drawbridge to the Templar Orders is to be lowered, nor the useless whining childish appeal for prerequisition made by the Council. It is like trying to force a breeding mare to suckle a calf or ass's foal against her will. Keep out of the stable for lacteal food or somebody is liable to get hurt.

M.·. Ill.·. GEORGE FORSYTH was elected Grand Master and our good *Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

1900.

The Forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Mississippi was held in the City of Vicksburg, in the hall of *Vicksburg* Council, No. 2, commencing at 4 o'clock P. M., on Monday, Feruary 6, A. D. 1899, A. Dep. 2899, *M.·. I.·.* FREDERICK SPEED, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. J. L. POWER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 27 Councils, with a membership of 570 in this Jurisdiction, being a net gain of 46 over the previous year; 24 Councils were represented.

The address of the Grand Master, like his former ones, is full of eloquence and tender pathos, and composed of "thoughts that breathe and words that burn." He pays an affectionate tribute to the memory of the late Grand Treasurer, *Ill.·.* WILLIAM GALLATIN PAXTON that would be worthy of HILLYER or PIKE. We wish that we had space for the whole of this admirable address, and had *power*, financially and otherwise, to publish it in full. He has the following, which to the Cryptic and other Masons of California is especially interesting, which we deem necessary to preserve by including it in our report, as we were well acquainted with our late good Brother and Companion of whom he speaks.

"PEREZ SNELL."

"Several years since, in my address to you (1884), I referred to the old ritual of the degrees which I have in my possession, and which was found in the 'strong box' of the former Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and read to you the certificate appended thereto, signed by MOSES HOLBROOK, M. D., Grand Commander, etc., in which he states that on the 10th day of February, 1829, 'the original is in my keeping,' which certificate was certified

to as genuine by 'PEREZ SNELL.' This certification, by so illustrious a Mason as Brother HOLBROOK was, has been rejected by some of the Companions, who have endeavored to trace the origin of the degrees as unworthy of credence, but I have never been able to understand why a piece of evidence which would be received as evidence in any court of law should not be entitled to equal credit amongst Masons. Brother HOLBROOK was the custodian of the record and a man of high character, and until something is produced to show that he was mistaken as to the genuineness of the document to which he certified, or that it was not true that Bro. MOSES C. LEVY was a member of the Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection in 1783, it must be accepted as true that Bro. JOSEPH MYERS did deposit on the 20th day of February, 1788, with the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Charleston, 'a certified copy from Berlin, in Prussia, of the Royal and Select Master's Degree.' What object Brother HOLBROOK could have had in making a false statement I am unable to perceive. At the time that the degrees were of little importance, being mere 'side degrees,' conferred as a honorarium in bodies which do not appear to have particularly esteemed them, and it is as unreasonable to reject his testimony as it would be to reject the certification of a document from the archives of one of our courts. However, it was not my object to thrash over old straw, and, conclusive as I think Brother HOLBROOK's evidence to be, I really do not think that in any other than a purely historical view it makes any difference where the degrees came from. We have them, and know them to be a good thing and worth preservation, and that's enough for us to know. But it is interesting to learn something of the Companion who unquestionably brought them to the then Southwest, and who certified to the copy we have of the ritual. Most Worshipful Bro. WILLIAM A. DAVIES gives some very interesting information as to Companion SNELL in his Correspondence Report to the Grand Lodge of California, which I transcribe, as follows:—

"Having dropped our sprig of acacia in memory of these four illustrious Masons we considered our work ended, but a book received from Comp. Hon. FREDERIC SPEED, of Mississippi, 'a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Mississippi for the years 1856–66,' impresses us with a neglected duty.

"For twenty years there resided with us in California a remarkable man and an eminent Mason. He came in 1850 and remained until his death, save a visit to his mother in 1856. Bro. PEREZ SNELL had been a leader in Masonry, and was identified with the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction at Charleston, South Carolina. He was commissioned a Deputy of the Council under date of February 10, 1829, having, in addition to his general duties as Inspector-General, the authority to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master, or 'Select Masons of Twenty-seven,' and to establish bodies of the same. Through some conflict of jurisdiction, Brother SNELL was expelled by a rebellious Scottish Rite faction in Louisiana, and for that reason excluded himself from Masonic association in California. As soon, however, as the Scottish Rite was organized here, his position became known, and his Masonic history was set right by Bro. ALBERT PIKE, then Grand Commander. Meanwhile Brother SNELL had passed to rest, and before his death he summoned a prominent Mason, a friend and neighbor, Bro. FREDERIC FAXON, and communicated to him the degrees of the Scottish Rite to and including the thirty-second degree, and placed in his keeping his books and papers. Subsequently Brother FAXON was affiliated with the Grand Consistory here, and gave to me the papers mentioned. They were delivered to the then Grand Recorder of the Grand Council for deposit in the archives of the same, but for some reason disappeared. To our satisfaction they are again brought to light in this reprint of the Mississippi proceedings.

"The following notice of the life of this grand old man and Mason was published in the *Union Democrat*, of Sonora, at the time of his death, in December, 1869. The history is a remarkable one, and the 'personæ' of the good old doctor was no less so.

"The notice of his death was written by Hon. CHARLES H. RANDALL, a friend and neighbor, who, with Bro. ROBERT FERREL, now of San Francisco, at the time published the *Union Democrat*. I have thought this mention due this good man and illustrious Mason, and acknowledge my indebtedness to Bro. EDWIN A. RODGERS, of Sonora, for digging up the record:—

"'IN MEMORIAM.

"'A good old man has gone. On Monday last Dr. PEREZ SNELL was borne to his last resting place in the Masonic burial ground. Few men have ever lived among us more universally respected and esteemed than Doctor SNELL. He was born in the State of Vermont, on the 19th day of September, 1783; fought at Lundy's Lane, under General SCOTT; was for a number of years in the Medical College at New Orleans; had traveled extensively in his own and in foreign countries, and was a man of great learning and scientific attainments. He came to California in 1850, and resided in Sonora from that time until his death, except for a few months in 1856, when he returned to visit his aged mother in his native State. During the time he resided in Sonora he devoted his time chiefly to scientific pursuits, and collected a large and valuable cabinet of curiosities and geological specimens. He did not entirely neglect the practice of his profession, though he did not seek or desire to engage in it. Many a poor sufferer has found relief from his charitable hand. He was ever ready, by night or day, to minister to the afflicted. He was first and foremost in every public work and duty, and, though in his 87th year, he took a zealous interest in everything for the public good. His step was as firm and elastic as that of a man in middle life. He was the friend of the children, and delighted to add to their pleasures and enjoyments. As a geologist and man of science, he had few equals and no superiors in the State. He believed in the great "I Am," and loved to meditate on his works; beyond that, he sought not to penetrate the mystery.

"'He was probably the oldest Mason in the United States, having been sixty-five years a Mason, and was Inspector-General of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. He lived and died an honest man, the noblest work of God.'"

Grand Master SPEED also says :—

"The expulsion of Companion SNELL was part of the history of the controversy which existed in Louisiana (1847-50) when the Grand Lodge of Mississippi chartered Lodges in that State because of its Grand Lodge having recognized and permitted to work certain Lodges which practiced the French and Scottish Rites and established in its bosom what is called "a Council of Rites," in 1844. The Grand Chapter undertook to expel two members of one of the York Rite Lodges, and the Grand Consistory assumed to expel SNELL, who was a member of that Lodge. The Grand Lodge meekly registered the decree of the Consistory, but his Lodge resented it and elected him Master. The Lodge was summoned to show cause why its charter should not be arrested, it appeared, but SNELL and a majority of the members were expelled and the charter arrested, and it was not until 1873 that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana did tardy justice to his memory by rescinding its action and declaring that he was improperly expelled and that his status at his death was that of a Mason in good standing.''

Grand Master FREDERIC SPEED and Past Grand Master WILLIAM A. DAVIES, both 33°, have been and are still true to their obligations and faithful to the adjuration of the wise Master of the Rose Croix:—

"I adjure you, Brethren, by this holy symbol of the Rosy Cross, the emblem of faith, hope, loving-kindness and immortality, not to permit your duties to the dead to cease with these sad ceremonies. I adjure you to right his causes, to do justice to his memory, to defend his reputation. And I more especially charge you that you do watch over and give protection and assistance to any whom he hath left unprotected or destitute, or who, suffering wrong or injury, may appeal to you in his name! Thus let us all prove ourselves good Knights and true Masons. Amen!"

No better man or Mason than good Dr. PEREZ SNELL ever lived. The very soul of honor, integrity, and punctilious fidelity to every trust, and unflinching in the performance of every duty. All honor to his memory and the highest praise to Grand Master SPEED and Past Grand Master WILLIAM A. DAVIES, our truly Most Illustrious Companions who, with our late Grand Commander ALBERT PIKE, have thus nobly preserved the good name and character of our late *Ill.·.* Companion PEREZ SNELL and rescued it from unjust aspersion, obloquy and oblivion.

But we must pass on. There was no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. FREDERIC SPEED was re-elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. J. L. POWER re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

1899.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Missouri was held in Freemason's Hall, St. Louis, on Wednesday, April 26, A. D. 1899, A. Dep. 2899, at 2 o'clock P. M., *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM Y. BEAN, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* WILLIAM H. MAYO, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 12 Councils with a membership of 775 in this jurisdiction, being a gain of 12 Companions over the previous year. Eleven Councils were represented, California having put its *Seal* on that Grand Council as its Representative, *Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS SEAL, who was also present.

The Grand Master, whose name is BEAN, threw a very hard lentil in the introduction of his address, and several windows and much glassware were broken. Read the following:—

INTRODUCTORY.

"Where is the world? cries Young at eighty; where
The world of eight years past? 'Twas there.
I look for it; 'tis gone. A thing of glass,
Cracked, shivered, vanished; scarcely gazed on ere
A silent change dissolves the glittering mass."

We attended the first funeral in Sacramento in 1849, which was that of an unknown man who had committed suicide by blowing out his brains with a dragoon pistol. It was held in a cloth-tent theater, and the late Rev. JOHN

A. BENTON conducted it. There was a fellow in the gallery, it seems, who was pretty well set up, who had won a silver pitcher the night before in that theater for the best conundrum. "Why is a Chinaman different from all other animals?" The answer was (and the fellow who gave it could not write), "Because his tail sprouts from the wrong end!" and everybody said, "Give him the pitcher," which was done. He filled it with whiskey, treated nearly everybody, and filled himself. He strayed into the theater that Sunday afternoon. At the request of Rev. Mr. BENTON, we with several others attended the funeral and to join in the singing. It was a little dark in the theatre and rather gloomy. Rev. Mr. BENTON commenced the service in a very solemn manner, and said, "What man is he that liveth and shall not see death?" A voice came from the gallery, "I give it up! I give it up!" The fellow thought it was another conundrum. It broke the solemnity of the occasion. "Few and short were the prayers then said," and the body to the graveyard was quickly hurried and there deposited.

Grand Master BEAN continues with the solemn conundrum:—

"Who of us can say where and what is the world of one year past? It is only when we stop for a moment to make some brief record that we realize the passing of the mile-stones."

We congratulate Grand Master BEAN that they are not gallstones, and are glad to know that so genial a Companion is not suffering from any bodily affliction. He had visited three of the Councils of his Jurisdiction, besides his own, officially. He had also visited the Masonic Home, and gives the highest praise to its management. He also says:—

"The year just past has been a fairly prosperous one in Cryptic Masonry in Missouri. A majority of the Councils have conferred the degrees, and some of them are in a very flourishing condition. Altogether, the future looks encouraging, not only in this State, but throughout the entire country; but it will require the earnest and constant effort of every zealous Select Master to place our beloved Rite where we feel that it belongs as a Masonic body.

"The officers of the Councils of this Jurisdiction have a clear conception of our laws, as evidenced by the fact of my having no decisions to render. The efficiency in the ritual work in our Councils will, I think, compare favorably with that of any other Grand Jurisdiction."

He returns his thanks to his fellow officers and Companions for their kind and courteous assistance during his term of office.

The Report on Correspondence is by our beloved Companion WILLIAM H. MAYO, the Grand Recorder, who is also *R.·. P.·.* Deputy General Grand Master. The report covers 30 pages, in which he reviews the proceedings of 21 Grand Councils, including that of California of 1898, to which he gives one page, approvingly quoting a paragraph of eleven lines of Grand Master ASCROFT'S address.

Of our own report he says:—

"Comp. EDWIN A. SHERMAN submitted the Report on Correspondence, it being his sixth, and, as are all his writings, exceedingly interesting. Missouri for 1897 received fraternal notice."

He then quotes what we said that year in relation to Maryland and evidently has had oysters in abundance from Baltimore, sent by Comps. LARRABEE and McCAHAN. He extends a cordial welcome to the Grand Council of Colorado into the bosom of the General Grand Council.

He says in conclusion:—

"We have received and reviewed briefly the printed proceedings of twenty-four Grand Jurisdictions in the United States of America, and one foreign—England—for the year 1898, the only year under consideration as far as this report is concerned. There are now twenty-four Grand Jurisdictions, with well and regularly organized Grand Councils, which compose the General Grand Council, whose hands and power for doing good are gradually and surely being strengthened. There are nine well organized and equipped so-called Independent State Grand Councils in the United States of America. It does seem that consistency and fraternity would cause these nine State Grand bodies to cast their lots for doing good in and unite with the other twenty-four Grand Bodies and make one grand and happy family or branch of the American system of Freemasonry.

He also gives the statistics of the Cryptic Rite in the United States, which now give a total of membership of 46,599, and which in another year may reach 50,000.

M.·. Ill.·. DAVID M. WILSON was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA.

1898.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Nebraska met in Annual Assembly at Freemason's Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 14, 1898, *M.·. Ill.·.* JAMES TYLER, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Seven Subordinate Councils were represented. The Proceedings say, "The Grand Master made a brief verbal address." No returns were published. The following stringent measure was adopted:—

"'*Resolved*, That our Grand Master is authorized and requested to require each Nebraska Council to make by or before January 31, 1899, a full return of its membership for the year ending October 31, 1898, and to forward by or before February 28, 1899, the funds that may be assessed on such Council; and to promptly arrest the charter of any Council failing to comply with the foregoing requirements, unless in the judgment of the Grand Master sufficient reasons for such failure be shown.'"

The Report of the Grand Treasurer consists of nine lines only and showed a small treasury of only $29.33.

The Grand Recorder's Report consists of only six lines. No funds received, salary unpaid, as well a bill of $7.44 for stationery and postage unpaid. There must have been several Ahishars in that Jurisdiction that year and the Secret Vault with but a few Omaha bones in it. There was no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN J. MERCER was re-elected Grand Master and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM R. BOWEN re elected Grand Recorder. The whole session occupied but an hour and a half's time.

1899.

The Grand Council of Nebraska met at Omaha, as before, on the 13th of December, 1899, *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN J. MERCER, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* FRANCIS E. WHITE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are thirteen chartered Councils in this Jurisdiction, six of which were represented; but one which bore upon its roll the name of the Illustrious Grand Recorder for a dozen years is still in mourning, and the Grand Council of Nebraska wears the emblems of sorrow over the loss of her truly Royal and Select Master and beloved Companion, WILLIAM R. BOWEN, whose untimely end on May 6, 1899, bowed all of the Grand Masonic Bodies of the United States in sudden grief and sorrow, as well as the various bodies to which he belonged in Nebraska.

He was a man of generous and noble impulses, of the highest sense of honor, punctilious in etiquette, keen of observation, and capable of filling the office of Adjutant General of the Army, and invaluable as a Chief of Staff. Kind and courteous, though somewhat sharp in his manner and conversation, which was natural to him; exceedingly precise, prompt and efficient in the discharge of his duties; methodical and orderly in arrangement, and impatient of procrastination and neglect of duty by others. He was a true Mason in every respect, and as an officer in charge of the Secretariat of his State he had no superior. In August, 1892, at Denver, Colorado, he was elected National Secretary of the Masonic Veteran Association of the United States when we were elected President, and our official relationship with each other was of the most cordial and fraternal character during the three years of the term, when it closed by expiration of the term of service. We shall ever hold him with tender and fraternal regard in our memory while traveling the road which will, in a few years at the most, lead us into that mysterious Secret Vault from whose door of entrance there will be no return.

M.·. Ill.·. DANIEL H. WHEELER was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. FRANCIS E. WHITE, who had been appointed Grand Recorder to fill the vacancy caused by the death of *R.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM R. BOWEN, was then elected and installed Grand Recorder with the other officers.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

1897, 1898, 1899.

1897.

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS AND APPENDANT ORDERS for the province of New Brunswick, assembled in Annual Convocation at its Grand East, Masonic Temple, City of St. John, at 8 P. M. on Monday

evening, the 9th of August, A. Dep. 2897. *M. . P.·.* WILLIAM P. WALLACE, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. ROBERT MARSHALL, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There were returns from six Councils in this jurisdiction but the strength of its membership is not given.

The address of the Grand Master was of the finest character, fraternal in feeling, pious in devotion, and loyal to the Cryptic Rite, and to the Queen his Sovereign, from which concerning the history of our degrees he gives the following summary :—

"It is difficult to ascertain the origin of the Royal and Select Degrees, and, it has been said that no one knows their source or where they had their birth unless they originally belonged to the Scottish Rite.

"I see by the Report of Proceedings of the Grand Council of England and Wales, published a few years ago, that the existence of a Council in England had been brought to light, the origin of which is apparently unknown. We have authentic proof, however, that these degrees were practiced in England in 1760.

"In the United States the first introduction of them seems to have been at Albany, in the State of New York, in 1766, and they appear to have been brought there from France. In the year 1783, they were brought from Berlin, Prussia, to Charleston, South Carolina, and at various other dates afterwards introduced into the different States, of which the State of Maine, our parent, was one.

"But although our Grand Council was only constituted on 14th August, 1867, under the auspices of the Grand Council of Maine, which itself was organized in 1855, yet there can be no doubt but that the Cryptic Degrees were practiced here a long time previously. It was asserted that they were introduced into this Province in 1826 by one SAMUEL KIDDER, who brought them from the State of Massachusetts, but this we cannot authenticate, it is true, however, that a Council of Royal and Select Masters held Quarterly Meetings in the city from the year 1828 to 1837, when fire burnt up all their property and records, and in the *City Gazette*, a newspaper published here under date of 13th February, 1828, you will find a notice of a Quarterly Meeting of this body. In fact our Grand Recorder has informed me that our late Companion WILLIAM WALKER EMSLIE, at one time an officer of this Grand Council, convinced the brethren that he had received the degrees long before our organization, and as it is well known that Companion EMSLIE was an active member in all of our Masonic bodies from 1823 to the date of his death 1878, there is strong corroboration of the fact that these degrees were introduced here about the time I have stated.

"But while talking of our anniversary and history, I should indeed forget myself as a Royal and Select Master, if I failed in reminding you that this is a Jubilee Year in the Reign of our Sovereign Queen Victoria—Her Diamond Year 'tis said.

"Pure, brilliant and perfect, is the true diamond, the queen of jewels. How appropriate to her whose saxagenary has been celebrated. The type of a true woman, sympathetic yet dignified; majestic yet courteous, the wisdom of whose acts, politically, morally, intellectually, and socially, has shone as an example to the world. A Queen, indeed, who commands the admiration and respect of all nations, by her estimable example of what a ruler who rules well should be.

"Here in our secret vault, while the plaudits of the vast multitude, who have so lately assembled to do her honor, have been ascending from the glens and are re-echoing from the mountain tops of the outside world, let us unite in the universal prayer, 'God Save Our Queen.'

"I am sure it is a pleasure to meet with you all at the end of my second term of office. I must acknowledge that my labors have been light, yet I hope what commencements have been made may bring good results."

He was re-elected Grand Master for the year 1898 and *Ill.·.* Comp. ROBERT MARSHALL re-elected Grand Recorder.

1898.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Brunswick held its Annual Convocation at the same place on Monday, the 15th of August, 1898, with the same Grand Master and Recorder as before.

The Grand Master's Address breaks no windows or shatters any glass, but is a business commentary upon his official acts and the condition of the Cryptic Rite in his Jurisdiction, from which we excerpt the following:—

"*Thrice Illustrious Companions:*—Another year has passed like a particle of sand through the hour-glass of time and been added to the accumulation of the other yearly grains of our lives. How small are the grains, and how quickly they do run out, but yet how significant in teaching us to remember the rapid movements of time and our nearer approach to our final destiny. A year ago we looked forward to this Convocation as in the misty future, but to-day we look backward at that which has gone 'like a dream when one awaketh.'

"I welcome you, Companions, to this our Annual Convocation, hoping that fervency and zeal may stimulate you in the discharge of your various duties, and be manifested in carrying on the business of this Grand Council.

"It is well said 'That without the influence of all the branches of Masonry some would falter in their progressiveness towards fulfilling that which we have all endeavored to accomplish.' Therefore, if we desire to see the Order flourish, it is obvious that we should bear this in mind, for although our branch is a very small graft in the Masonic tree in this province, yet it is a very important one, and I feel assured that the growing influence of our Rite in other parts of the world will ultimately be felt here.

"It is true our advancement has been slow, but we hope it will be permanent, and the future bright and prosperous.

"In transferring my gavel to my successor let me say that I feel, although I have endeavored to do much, I have accomplished very little. I desire to express my sincere thanks to all for your courtesy and kindness during my term of office, and for the high honor conferred on me."

The Grand Recorder, in his record of the proceedings, revives an old English word, derived from the Latin, but which in these times may sound odd to those who pronounce it. Our presiding officers in elections for office appoint *judges* or *tellers*, but he records: "The *scrutineers*, in due course, reported the result of the ballot, etc."

We do not know of any Companion who has lost his ears, but should by chance one be found, Tubal Cain's successor, perhaps, can *screw tin ears* on the unfortunate as substitutes therefor.

M.·. P.·. JOHN ALEXANDER WATSON was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. ROBERT MARSHALL, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

1899.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Brunswick met at the same place on August 21, 1899, with *M. P.* JOHN ALEXANDER WATSON,

Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* ROBERT MARSHALL, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work. Seven Councils were represented.

This session of the Grand Council of New Brunswick was the most interesting to the Cryptic Rite in that Jurisdiction that was everheld. The recommendations in the Grand Master's Address, and the action taken thereon form the most important part of the proceedings, as will be seen from the following:—

"*Illustrious Companions*—It gives me much pleasure to welcome you to this Annual Convocation of the Grand Council; and as we meet together to exchange fraternal greetings and review the events of another year in Cryptic Masonry in the Province of New Brunswick, I am impressed with a deep sense of gratitude to the Holy One of Israel for His goodness and Fatherly protection.

"Thirty-two years, with its joys and sorrows, have passed away since, through the generous support of the members of the Grand Council of the State of Maine, we were enabled to organize the first Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the Dominion of Canada.

"The fourteenth and fifteenth days of August, 1867, may we not hope, shall in the years to come be looked upon as historic days for Cryptic Masonry in the northern half of the continent of America?

"During the year considerable progress has been made by this Grand Council. I have the great pleasure to inform you that nearly all the Subordinate Councils have added to their numbers, and that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction.

"A proposition will be submitted and a vote taken thereon to change the name and style of Grand Council to the 'Supreme Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite for the Maritime Provinces,' so as to consolidate the Provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in one Supreme Grand Council.

"I need hardly tell you that I am in hearty accord with the resolution, and trust it may be carried. Letters received by the Grand Recorder from members of Grand Council who are unable to be present are unanimous in the opinion that these Maritime Provinces should be consolidated in Cryptic Masonry, and in voting for the change the success of the Rite is assured.

"No question of Cryptic law has been submitted to me during the year, nor has any grievance been reported. My thanks are due my associate Grand Council officers for assistance they have rendered me. I bespeak for my successor the same loyal support that has been shown me."

The resolution and title were adopted. A Constitution, Ceremony of Installation, and other necessary "appurtenances thereunto belonging," were also adopted. We copy the following from the Constitution which is of interest:—

"ARTICLE IV.

"The Supreme Grand Council has authority over degrees of Royal Master, Select Master and Super-Excellent Master, called the Cryptic Rite of Freemasonry, and the *Red Cross or Babylonish Pass*, and no Council shall confer its several degrees upon a person who is not a regular Royal Arch Mason, nor unless his character and Masonic acquirements shall be vouched for by two Select Masters; and then only after a unanimous ballot of the members of the Council present; *provided*, however, *that the latter named degrees shall only be conferred by authority of dispensation of the M.·. P.·. Grand Master.*"

The italics are ours. The degree of "*Red Cross* or *Babylonish Pass*" is no other than the 15th and 16th degrees of the Old Rite of Perfection, now the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, or Knight of the East, or Knight of the Sword and Prince of Jerusalem, "stolen by Webb and consolidated into one," and wrongfully and most inappropriately called the "Red Cross degree." The history and drama relate to the reigns of the Persian monarchs Cyrus and Darius and the rebuilding of the Temple by Zerubbabel *five* hundred and ninety-nine years before the crucifixion of Christ. When the degree is found to be worked outside of the "Council of Knight of the East and Prince of Jerusalem" of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Body by whatever name it may be called, is a receiver of and using others' property, as PIKE, MACKEY and all true Masonic scholars assert, and which have never been relinquished by the Supreme Councils of the A. & A. S. Rite to whom they of right belong.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. P.·. ROBERT MARSHALL was elected *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, and *P.·. M.·. P.·* JOHN A. WATSON elected Grand Recorder of "The Supreme Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite of the Maritime Provinces."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

1899.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Hampshire was held in Freemason's Hall, in the city of Concord, on Monday, May 15th, A. D. 1899, Anno Dep. 2899, *M.·. Ill.·.* CHARLES H. WEBSTER, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are eleven Councils with a membership of 1442 in this jurisdiction, there being an increase of two only during the previous year.

As the supervision of this jurisdiction is divided between the three highest officers, and the number of Councils small, the Grand Master's address was necessarily brief, consisting mainly of memorials to two distinguished deceased Companions of his own jurisdiction, *M.·. Ill.·.* CHARLES AUGUSTUS TUFTS, 33°, and *P.·. T.·. I.·. M.·.* WASHINGTON FREEMAN, 32°. The former was the senior of the New Hampshire Thirty-third, having been crowned on October 15, 1865. He had been Grand Commander of Knights Templar of his State and filled many other offices.

The latter had been Master of his Lodge, High Priest of his Chapter, thrice *Ill.·.* Master of his Council, Commander of his Commandery, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery and *M.·. W.·.* and *P.·.* Master of the New Hampshire Chapter of Rose Croix.

He had visited three Councils during his term of office and inspected their work and condition and installed the officers of one. In the conclusion of his brief address he said:—

"My official duties have been very light. Peace and harmony prevail in our Councils. No complaints have been made to me by Companions or

Councils. Less than the usual amount of work has been done but the net membership has not decreased."

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Recorder, who reviews the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils covering twenty-nine pages, in which he gives one page to California.

He quotes ten lines of Grand Master ASHCROFT'S address and makes but few comments upon this jurisdiction, which is about the same upon all others, but quotes more largely from the address of the Grand Master of Missouri.

His conclusion is very brief in eight lines and two paragraphs.

The stones are solid granite in his jurisdiction and there is but little *cleavage*, if any, which is not perceptible in that Secret Vault, which is well put and strongly built.

M.·. Ill.·. CHARLES H. WEBSTER was re-elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp GEORGE P. CLEAVES re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

1899.

The Forty-first Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey was held in Masonic Temple, Trenton, on January 24, 1899, A. Dep. 2899, *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN B. BERTHOLF, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There were returns from six of the eight Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 359, being a loss of twenty during the previous year. Only ten had been greeted as Royal Masters, nine of whom as Select Masters, and one as a Superexcellent Master, during the past year. Only four Councils were represented. California's Grand Representative, *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN M. KNAPP, was also present.

The Grand Masters' Address was purely a plain business report. He had visited nearly every Council in the State, and regrets to say that "The condition of the Cryptic Rite in our Jurisdiction cannot be called prosperous, but there are hopes of better things in the future."

That Jersey stock seems to be running out, and ought to be improved by an importation from Michigan or Kansas. Suppose that they try Comp. ELLSWORTH, of Kansas, for a short time, or come to California, or *buscar* around among our *Hedges*, or borrow some saplings from our *Ash* grove, which will improve the blood and restore New Jersey to a more healthy condition.

The Treasurer appears also to be *Slack*, but the fault is not his, for his father was that way and bore that name before him. His accounts are correct, and the funds are intact, and there is no loose change scattered about.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. DAVID H. LUKENS was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL re-elected Grand Recorder.

1900.

The Grand Council of New Jersey met at the same place on Tuesday, January 23, 1900, with *M.·. Ill.·.* DAVID H. LUKENS, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* CHARLES BECHTEL, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The eight Councils in this Jurisdiction have 382 members, being a gain of twenty-three members over the previous year. Only four Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is pathetic and plaintive. He pays a fitting tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master FREDERICK G. HAWKINS, and to that of Comp. JAMES DURAND, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, as well as to other deceased Companions.

He bewails the state of the Cryptic Rite in his State, and has evidently sought consolation and diversion in the reading of Cervantes' "Don Quixote," for he says:—

"With much regret I am forced to admit that the condition of the Craft in this Jurisdiction is not such as could be desired, and while we have 'a peace that passeth all understanding,' it is like a peaceful sleep, which resembles in some measure the peacefulness of death. Sancho Panza says: 'Between the sleeper and the corpse there is but little to choose.'"

Now, this is hard on California, England and Wales, Maryland and Pennsylvania, though it may seem appropriate to the condition that the Jurisdiction of New Jersey finds itself in, "between the sleeper and the corpse," for these Jurisdictions are all responsible, having selected one and the same Companion to be their representative, and have chosen a *Knapp*. There used to be an old darky minstrel song with the refrain "Rise ole Knapp and kotch him by de wool, and hit him in de eyeball, bim!" If it was a matter of doubt about its being a corpse, it would settle it at once.

The Grand Master has granted many waivers of jurisdiction, and has made no official visitations on account of business, though he kept himself posted. Grand Master LUKENS professes to be more than *lukewarm* in the interests of Cryptic Masonry, and his efforts seem to have been confined to the pen rather than otherwise. The Treasurer has been active, even though his name is SLACK.

The Committee on Constitution did not altogether agree with *M.·. I.·.* Comp. KNAPP as to his complaint of Recorders sending out notices printed on postal cards. They reported it was regular so long as the names of candidates were not mentioned. The Grand Council adopted their report.

There was no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. I.·. JOSEPH MASON was elected Grand Master, and Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

1899.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York convened in its Ninetieth Annual Assembly in the Grand

Council Room, Masonic Hall, corner of Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street, borough of Manhattan, in the city of New York, on Tuesday, August 29, 1899, Anno Dep. 2899, at ten o'clock A. M., *M.·. P.·.* FREDERICK KANTER, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE VAN VLIET, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are 30 Councils with a membership of 4,109 in this Jurisdiction, being an increase of 43 during the past year. There were 24 Councils represented. The Grand Council of California was unrepresented.

The Grand Master's Address was not from a *decanter* but from *M.·. Ill.·.* FREDERICK KANTER, who is a sweet singer of Israel in the Secret Vault of New York, which is now safe, as the obstruction by Hell Gate in the East River in front of the East Gate has been blown up and all obstacles have been removed.

In his admirable and fraternal Address he says:—

"*Beloved Companions of the Grand Council:* Again we are standing at the close of another year; again we are assembled to review our labors and legislate and consult with one another for the benefit and the glory of our well-loved Cryptic Rite. Again we are gathered around the sacred altar of Freemasonry to give thanks to the S. A. O. T. U for the many blessings bestowed upon us during the past year and to renew our prayers for guidance and blessing of our present assembly.

"Companions: With a heart full of gratitude to our Grand Master above and to you who elected me a year ago as your Grand Master, I welcome you most cordially and fraternally to this our Ninetieth Annual Assembly.

"I congratulate you upon the prosperous condition of the Cryptic Rite in our Grand Jurisdiction and the proud position it holds among the Grand Councils of the *world*.

"Nothing has disturbed, nothing has marred the harmony and good fellowship in our Grand Jurisdiction; and the most fraternal relations are continued with our sister jurisdictions. No complaints have been received and no questions have arisen that required further light than that given by our Constitution, and consequently no decision was rendered by me.

"While my correspondence as Grand Master during the year has been voluminous and the duties of office arduous, believe me, Companions, it will ever be a pleasant remembrance if I shall have thereby well served our Grand Council and the Cryptic Rite."

He then pays a loving tribute to the memory of the deceased *Ill.·.* Companions of his own jurisdiction and then to those of the General Grand Council and other Grand Jurisdictions and says "whom we trust have been exalted during the past year to glorious companionship of that undissolving Lodge on high."

He had visited sixteen Councils officially, and attended four receptions given to him as Grand Master. He had made two appointments of Grand Representative near other Grand Councils and received and accredited three others. He had granted six dispensations for different purposes and had asked for five waivers of jurisdiction from other Grand Jurisdictions and had granted three.

The Report on Correspondence is by our liberal, broadminded and genial Companion *P.·. M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, who ably reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine General Councils and whose report covers seventy-five solid pages of which he gives to California and our report for last year no less than eight pages or nearly eleven per cent., which is a compliment we hardly merit.

He quotes at full length what we said in regard to the rituals of both the Royal Arch Chapter and the Council needing revision so as to agree strictly with the truth of both sacred and profane history, and yet not destroy the drama but improve it, and give still stronger lessons that are to be taught according to the well known truth, instead of falsifying facts and putting lies in place of them to instruct intelligent men; and it is no wonder that men want to hurry through the Chapters to get the feathers of the Templar, or that every effort fails to have the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar repudiate and reject the application for making the Council Degrees pre-requisite for receiving the Orders of Knighthood which teach that "Truth is mightiest and will prevail."

He gives in full our quotation from Josephus, and is not afraid of investigation or presenting the truth, and for this we admire his candor, frankness and sense of propriety, right and justice, in so important a matter as a true and correct revision of our rituals.

He further says concerning our report which we heartily thank him for:—

"We hardly know when or where to stop when we take up a review of Companion SHERMAN; it is so full of meat, that it is difficult to refrain from publishing a large portion of it, and were it not for space required to do so, we should have made many more extracts, which would have been for the benefit of our own Companions, but as it is we must call a halt. His reviews are invariably interesting, able and positive and we like a positive man."

Companion OSGOODBY gives nine pages to the Colorado matter and rejoices with all true lovers and well wishers of the Rite that all of the difficulties are now settled. Amen. So mote it be.

M.·. Ill.·. JAMES B. MCEWAN was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE VAN VLIET elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

1899.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Ohio, was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Hall, Masonic Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, on September 26, 1899, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., *M.·. Ill.·.* HENRY E. MORRISON, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are fifty-three Councils in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of 4,796, being a net gain over the previous year of 229. There were fifty-two Councils represented; *Ill.·.* Comp. ARTHUR P. CRANE, the Grand Representative of California, being also present.

Ill.·. Comp. EDSON B. BANDER, of *Cleveland* Council, No. 36, extended a warm and cordial welcome to the Grand Council on behalf of his Council, which numbered 478 members, and the largest Council with ten per cent. of the membership in the "Buckeye State."

The Grand Master's address was a thorough business document, devoid of all surplussage, and a brief statement of his executive acts.

There are no less than twelve Standing and three Special Committees who divide the labors of this Grand Council between them, each of whom made its report briefly.

The sum of $400 was set apart for the entertainment of the General Grand Council, which meets at the same time as the General Grand Chapter at Cincinnati next year.

The Committee on the Masonic Home presented the reports of the superintendent and treasurer of that institution. From it we gather the following: Number of inmates—men, 53; women, 23; boys, 23; girls, 16. Total, 115. Number of applicants awaiting action of the Board—men, 9; women, 5; boys, 2; girls, 9. The expenses during the year were $19,709.69, the average being per inmate, $171.36, or $14.28 per month, or 47 cents per day. The deficit July 31, 1898, was $1,486.67, and the deficit July 31, 1899, $2,469.84, or 983.17 more; $1,294.67 was expended on the library alone. Pay roll, main building and general, $5,553.18; pay roll on grounds, $10.50; pay roll on farm and barn, $697.52. Total on pay roll, $6,261.20, an average of $54.44 for each inmate. It costs $115.02 to keep the 53 men in tobacco alone, or $2.17 a head. But perhaps in the absence of whiskey this may not be excessive.

The amounts contributed by the Grand Bodies, session 1898, were as follows: Grand Lodge, $12,377.20; Grand Chapter, $3,689.75; Grand Council, $500.00; Grand Commandery, $1,500.00. Total, $18,066.95. The donation made in 1899 by the Grand Council of Ohio was $200.00.

We give the above quotations that our Companions may be able to judge somewhat in making comparisons with our own Masonic Home in California.

The report on Correspondence is by *M.·. Ill.·. P.·. G.·. M.·.* WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, whose half-tone picture adorns the proceedings. His countenance shows that he is a thoughtful, intelligent and reflective man, with great perception and penetration, and a square dealer with matters that come under his inspection. His forehead is too high and his expression too honest to be mean, if we are any judge of physiognomy.

His report covers fifty pages, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils, including California, to which he gives two and

a half pages. We like his salutatory, and welcome him again after an absence of eighteen years from the duties of the chairmanship of that Committee on Correspondence, for which he is so admirably fitted.

He briefly refers to the address of Grand Master ASH as "a concise summary of all his acts, and of our report for last year he says:—

"The Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, *Ill.*·. Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, submitted his seventh annual report, reviewing with his customary ability the printed proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils, Ohio for 1898 included among the number.

"Companion SHERMAN continues throughout his report to discuss the Colorado matter in all of its relations, and is very pronounced in his views in favor of a ritual historically correct in all of its particulars.

"In the opinion of the writer the symbolic teachings of Freemasonry are not all dependent upon the historical accuracy of the traditions upon which it is founded. The lessons taught by its symbolism, and not the literal sense of the letter, is the important factor to the Masonic student. If they harmonize literally it is well, and if they do not, the purpose of the lesson is equally accomplished by its interior or symbolic meaning, and again it is well."

If we have time during the coming summer we will take hold of the matter of these rituals of both the Chapter and the Council, arrange and amend the work, correcting the history as it should be, with marginal quotations from both sacred and profane accounts given, to compare the work with; and present the same to our own Grand Chapter and Grand Council, as well as to the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council, that both scholars in history and intelligent directors of the drama in the rituals may judge of the truth and place it alongside of that which is contrary as is now represented. "I AM the LORD thy GOD which hath brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy GOD in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." "There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone which MOSES put there at Horeb when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel when they came out of Egypt." "And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying 'What is this?' that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage. And it shall be for a token upon thine hand *and for frontlets between thine eyes:* for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt." The two tables of stone bore the engraved Commandments of the Law placed in the ark, and contained the True Word. Shishak the king of Egypt, and Nebuzuradan who took all the golden vessels and treasure from King Solomon's Temple, had no use for them. They could not read them and they were probably cast among the debris and ruins but afterwards recovered and restored, while the ark itself, made by MOSES of the jewelry of the Egyptians, carried away by the Israelites in their flight, and again broke up and put into the melting pot by Shishak the king of Egypt.

But we must pass on.

M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM T. MCLEAN was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON.

1899.

The Fourteenth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Oregon was held at the Masonic Hall in East Portland, Oregon, on Tuesday, June 13, 1899, at two o'clock P. M., *Th.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master O. O. HODSON presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. SETH L. POPE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are now four Councils, with a membership of 218, in this jurisdiction, being a gain of one Council and nineteen in membership. All of the Councils were represented. *Ill.·.* Comp. SETH L. POPE, the Grand Representative of California, was present and doing double duty, being Grand Recorder.

The address of the Grand Master is kind and fraternal in tone, and mournful over the loss of Companions HENRY L. HOYT, MORRIS STOCK, the Grand Treasurer, FRANK A. ABERNATHY, and that most industrious and indefatigable Mason, GEORGE M. STROUD, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand High Priest, and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Oregon. Fitting words were spoken by him of these and other illustrious dead.

On May 6, 1899, he had granted a dispensation to nine Companions at Albany to organize a Council at that place, and to whom a charter was granted at this Assembly. He also said:—

"In order to carry out a complete recognition of the Grand Council of Colorado, I did, upon October 19, 1898, commission Companion FREDERICK S. MANNING as our Grand Representative near that Grand Council."

The Grand Recorder's report is a model for brevity, covering only two-thirds of a page; but as his jurisdiction is small, it only proves the saying that "a small horse is soon curried," and in Oregon it seems that the cayuse breed has run out, and they have now better and improved stock.

We trust that the middle sister of the three now on the Pacific Coast will become the mother of many more Councils and Companions.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Th.·. Ill.·. M.·. S.·. WOODCOCK was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* SETH L. POPE re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

1899.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania held its Fifty-third Annual Assembly at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Tuesday, February 28, A. D. 1899, An. Dep. 2899, *M.·. P.·.* SAMUEL S. YOKE, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. P.·.* JOSHUA L. LYTE, Grand Re-
ing the minutes of the work.

There are twenty-one Councils with a membership of 1846, being a gain of thirteen in this jurisdiction over last year; sixteen Councils were represented.

M.·. Ill.·. FREDERICK KANTER, Grand Master of the Grand Council of New York, accompanied by *Ill.·.* LAWRENCE COFFIN, *T.·. Ill.·.* Master of *Brooklyn* Council, No. 4, honored the Grand Council with their presence and were received with the customary honors.

The Grand Master's address, like his name, was very short, covering but three pages, poetic quotations covering half a page but well selected. After a graceful introduction he says:—

"We have not grown to that proportion that we had hoped, yet the interest manifested throughout the jurisdiction by the officers and members has brought to our secret vault a goodly number of seekers after the true light, and I doubt not that this increase will continue and be a credit to this Grand Council."

He then pays a fitting tribute to the memory of the Companions of his own jurisdiction and then to others who have died during the previous year.

On April 6, 1898, he received the commission of *Ill.·.* Comp. REUBEN E. TAFT, *P.·. T.·. I.·. M.·.* of *Occident* Council, No. 41, as Representative of the Grand Council of California near the Grand Council of Pennsylvania.

In speaking of the state of the Rite in his own jurisdiction, he says:—

"Let me urge upon the officers of the Subordinate Councils, as two former Grand Masters have urged, the necessity of exemplifying the degrees, although no candidates are presented. It will do much good and prevent carelessness and lack of interest."

This was a good suggestion and expresses the truth of the old adage "practice makes perfect." He concludes with the following quotation:—

> "I never loved ambitiously to climb,
> Or thrust my hand too far into the fire.
> To be in Heaven sure is a blessed thing,
> But, Atlas-like to prop Heaven on one's back
> Cannot but be more labor than delight.
> Such is the state of men in honor placed;
> I love to dwell betwixt the hills and dales,
> Neither to be so great as to be envied,
> Nor yet so poor the world should pity me."

As your Grand Master, I bid you farewell, with an earnest wish that He who rules over all, may forever have you in His holy keeping.

The Report on Correspondence is by our sprightly elderly Companion JAMES C. STEVENSON, whom we are glad to find upon the tripod again, or on the high stool at his own pie counter. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Councils, including that of California for 1898, which covers

twenty-five pages, a little more than a page being given to our own Jurisdiction.

In speaking of Grand Master's ASCROFT's Address, he says:—

"Grand Master ASCROFT delivered his Annual Address, which, while brief, is quite a satisfactory paper. He reports official visits to five of the elveven Councils in the State, and speaks favorably of most of those visited, but refrains from unfavorable comment in the case of such as did not deserve praise. If the latter class would carefully lay to heart the things which the Grand Master says about *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, and would try to emulate the example thus set before them, it would be greatly to their advantage.

"Inasmuch as it contains a lesson equally applicable to Pennsylvania as to California, we here quote what Grand Master ASCROFT said."

He then quotes ten lines from the address, and continues:—

"'Every officer proficient in his work;' 'degrees admirably executed;' 'unity and enthusiasm;' is it to be wondered at that No. 11 showed an increase of sixty-two members. Companions of Pennysylvania, try the prescription during the coming year and report the result."

He (or the printer) reports that he issued a commission, etc., at the request of Grand Master YOYE. Such is fame. The Grand Master's name is YOHE.

There is evidently a transposition of letters here in some way in the English or Hebraic form. If it was YEHO it would need only the last syllable VAH to make it YEHOVAH. As a compound Spanish word, composed of two, *Yo* and *he*, it means *I* behold, or I hark, listen, hear, or I am, hath listened and heard, which would be applicable to YEHOVAH, or I am who hath heard thee.

In speaking of our installation ceremonies, reported by the committee, he says:—

"A special committee presented a report which was adopted, embodying forms for the installation of the officers of the Grand Council. We notice that the ceremony of installing the officers does not differ in any essential particular from that in use in our own Grand Council, except that it is very much more simple, and that it includes the installation of the appointed as well as the elected grand officers, including a Grand Lecturer and a Grand Organist."

Upon our report, he says:—

"EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN presents the Rebort on Correspondence, in in which Pennsylvania for 1897 is fraternally noticed in four pages, one-half of which is devoted to quotations from and comments on what was said in the correspondence concerning the Colorado matter. As all this is now ancient history, and as everything is lovely between the General Grand Council and the Companions in Colorado, we may be excused from further reference thereto."

He then takes a bite of his own green gooseberry pie, but does not get crusty.

He announces an increase of the census in Indiana by importation, which may possibly sweeten if not strengthen the General Grand Secret Vault. The sugar is probably all right; but it will be necessary to soak the lemons in water to take out the bitterness, or otherwise the lemonade at refreshment may be spoiled before reaching the Ninth Arch.

May the punch bowl be filled with that which cheers but not inebriates and satisfy fully the tastes and rules of the Washingtonian society there introduced.

M.·. P.·. WILLIAM B. FLICKINGER was elected Grand Master and *R.·. P.·.* JOSHUA L. LYTE re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

1899.

The Forty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Tennessee was held at Freemason's Hall in the city of Nashville, on Monday, January 23d, A. D. 1899, Anno Dep. 2899, *M.·. Ill.·.* CHARLES COMSTOCK, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* W. A. CLENDENING, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twenty-one Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 599, there being a gain of thirteen over the previous year. Fifteen Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is peculiarly felicitous in expression and tender in fraternal sentiment and regard. He says:—

"*Companions:*—The warp and woof of another year, with its alternating hues of sunshine and shadow of gladness and regret, of success and failure, have been woven into the fabric of Time, since last we gathered within these sacred walls. Then it was your pleasure to invest me with the highest honors in the gift of this Grand Council, and with them, the sacred duty of guarding, with zeal and fidelity, the welfare of Cryptic Masonry in Tennessee. While I have earnestly endeavored to preserve the honors unsullied, I feel that I have come far short of a thorough performance of the duties devolving upon me; far, far short of what I hoped to do, when I accepted this high office.

"While I realize that my work is not completed, not well done, I am sincerely grateful to the Infinite One for that merciful loving kindness which has preserved and sustained us through another year, and now permits us to reassemble here, to greet each other once again as brethren of one common family. Some, indeed, we miss to-day, whose genial, familiar faces will be ever impressed upon the tablets of our fraternal remembrance; for the Great Architect has rewarded some of our faithful craftsmen with the wages of Eternal Life. Some new faces are seen among us to-day that we trust, may long remain to bestow the welcoming smile upon many others yet to come, when those of us, who have tried to bear the heat and burden of the day, shall have forever laid aside the sword and trowel and have passed to their final reward.

"That harmony obtains generally in this branch of the Masonic family in Tennessee, is evidenced by the fact that no appeals or grievances have

come to my notice during the year. I fear, however, that in the case of some Councils, this may be construed as an evidence of lethargy as well as harmony."

He had granted dispensations for the formation of two new Councils. Of necessity his visitations had been few, much to his regret.

Upon recommendations upon the Ritual he says:—

"One thing I have had cause to seriously regret, not only this year, but for several years past: that is the lack of harmony or consistency between the Ritualistic Work of the Lodge, Chapter and Council in Tennessee.

"More than four years of experience in the lecture work in this State, and having occasion, frequently, to compare our work with that of other States and countries, have convinced me that the Blue Lodge Work and Lectures in Tennessee are equal to, if not superior, in harmony, consistency and purity of diction, to those of other jurisdictions. And yet there is, what appears to me, to be a useless lack of uniformity between them and the Lectures and Work of the Capitular and Cryptic Degrees. Not for one moment would I think of modifying the work of the Lodge to fit the Chapter and Council. The Symbolic Degrees form the corner-stone of the whole system and the fault is not with them, but rather with the petty variations and the general imperfections of the Chapter and Council Ritualism.

"Why can we not harmonize them here in this grand Jurisdiction, even if we have to discard the work set forth by the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council and adopt a work for Tennessee that shall coincide *verbatim et literatum* (and as one good brother has aptly said: "*et spell at um*") with the Blue Lodge work? It would make our work far more pleasing to the ear, and much easier for the zealous Companion who finds it necessary to work all along the line. I earnestly recommend that this Grand Council appoint a committee on revision of Ritual to confer with a similar committee from the Grand Chapter, and with the custodians of the Grand Lodge, and recommend such changes in the verbiage of our work, at the next Annual Assembly, as will bring about a thorough uniformity between these bodies."

The Committee on Jurisprudence to which the Grand Master's Address was referred submitted the following report, which was adopted by a rising vote, which indeed was a compliment well deserved:—

"We congratulate the Grand Council on the beautiful harmony that prevails within our Jurisdiction and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

"We congratulate our Most Illustrious Grand Master upon the zeal and fidelity he has displayed, and his beautiful chaste and elegant address, as a model of gentleness and good spirit, which should ever characterize all those of the Royal Craft.

"His dispensations, 'General' and 'Special,' we approve, but we recommend that in conformity with other Grand Bodies of Masons hereafter no Council shall be named for any living person.

"We regret that our Most Illustrious Grand Master was not able to pay more official visits to the Subordinate Councils; we feel that these visits when they can be made by our Grand Master have a good influence and will result in much benefit.

"With reference to the recommendation of the Grand Master regarding ritualism: while we realize the importance of uniformity of Masonic work

all along the line, it has come to the knowledge of this committee that the General Grand Council has a Committee on Ritual, whose Chairman is our own Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and the present General Grand Master BRADFORD NICHOL. We recommend—That, his attention having been called to the matter and having confidence in him, we feel that in so far as Cryptic Masonry is concerned in this Grand Jurisdiction all will be done to harmonize the Ritual alluded to by our Grand Master.

"We join with our Most Illustrious Grand Master in love and sympathy for the memory of our Illustrious dead, Companions A. M. HUGHES and JOHN R. FRIZZELL, and recommend to the Grand Council the zeal and fidelity of these Companions as worthy of all imitation.

"J. H. MCCLISTER,
"EWIN BURNEY,
"J. C. SMITH, JR."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. T. W. CRUTCHER was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. W. A. CLENDENING re-elected Grand Recorder, all of the Grand Officers being installed in their respective stations by *M.·. Ill.·.* BRADFORD NICHOL, Past Grand Master (and *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master), presiding, assisted by *M.·. Ill.·.* EDWIN BURNEY, Past Grand Master, acting as Grand Marshal.

1900.

The Grand Council of Tennessee met in its Fiftieth Annual Assembly in the Masonic Temple at Nashville on Monday, January 29, A. D. 1900, Anno Dep. 2900, *M.·. Ill.·.* T. W. CRUTCHER, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* W. A. CLENDENING, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Of the twenty-one Councils in this jurisdiction twelve were represented. The membership reported last year was 599, and there was a gain of 13. This year the number is 552, being a loss of 47, or nearly eight per cent. "What a fall was there my Companions!" Tennessee will have to *Polk* around or the Hermitage will have to be enlarged. That Grand Council has had a splendid Grand Master in *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. T. W. CRUTCHER, but he has furnished too many crutches for the lame ones or they have made a crutch of him. But what a support Cryptic Masonry has had in him and General Grand Master *M.·. P.·.* BRADFORD NICHOL. They have been Aaron and Hur to uphold it.

The Grand Master's address is superb and in its line equal to *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. SPEED'S of Mississippi. It does one's soul good to read such a production and the *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion who wrought, will most surely in time receive his reward. We quote the following:—

Illustrious Companions:—

"Another year has gone into the eternal past, and we meet in the last closing year of the closing century. We must not be unmindful of the solemnity of the occasion. It is mete and proper that we should inspect

our record. The command is, "Be ye ready." We meet as companions should, with the sincere desire that the world may be made better for our order and our living. Inspection did I say! Surely we are prepared for it. Human life has its imperfections, and we shall know that perfection has never been attained on earth. We are here to-day with our shortcomings, with our imperfections, and to acknowledge that we have been remiss in many duties. Our hearts should be strengthened, however, by the thought that Our Father is merciful and loving and that he rejoices in all good promises, and in every reformation which tends to up-build human character, and elevate the standard of excellence. Companions, must I tell you that I admire ambition, or rather emulation, and that while I may not be able to make brilliant this morning, the thoughts which crowd upon my mind as I come before you to render this account, I beg that you credit me with a sincere heart, one full of love, ever faithful to the high command of my companions. By your behest, I wear this distinction and honor, and not one hour of the year just closing, have I forgotten its high responsibilities, and the fact that the good and the true and the brave have preceded me and that their spotless lives have moulded and made our history. If I can but touch the hem of their garments it will assure me that within your hearts I too, may find the soft, warm welcome.

"The Mission of our Brotherhood is so high and pure that no hand is rude enough to tarnish its courts or pull down its pillars. Like the exalted men of Israel, whose lives were continually blessed by God's favor, these sacred courts become the receptacle of friendships and ties that time cannot kill.

"In this Grand Council of the Nineteenth Century, let us renew our fealty and strike from our lives all unhallowed desires, and unholy aspirations, lest we fall away from our first attachments.

"Let us remember that we are a part of the great and mighty force which is surging in this universe against these selfish desires, and so often dominate the human heart.

"There is no question that this is a restless age, and our great duty is to see that we are not swallowed up in this vortex in which so many perish, and that the hopes and aims of a noble ambition and grand profession like ours; do not find their grave. The love of money, the love of fame and of honor, is pressing down into the hearts and lives of men so deep, that high and holy things are forgotten, We often hear that the poor are neglected, and the sick are not visited and the orphan is not fed and clothed. Companions, we must watch and we must pray, lest these great duties be neglected. To God let us be devoutly thankful for his gracious care in the past, and that so many are permitted again to meet around this altar. He has kept and he has blessed us, 'blessed be His name.' Let us pray, let us trust that He will still watch and guard and protect our glorious fraternity, and crown our lives with noble deeds."

He then pays a loving tribute to the memory of the illustrious dead of other jurisdictions, and in his conclusion he says :—

CONCLUSION.

"Every day of my life, I am more firmly convinced that Masonry is the greatest of all human institutions and it will live and flourish as long as time shall last. The only regret I have is that my life has not been more in accord with high and holy teachings, and that it has not been shaped more by her friendships and her strong ties. I would exchange my fealty

for Masonry for no earthly consideration, nor would I consciously be guilty of a remissness to her commands. When I speak of my failures and my shortcomings, I know they are but the common heritage of men engaged in the warfare of life. I know that while my own life may be less worthy and less useful than it should be, yet it is the environments and peculiar conditions which make it so. I confess to as great zeal in the good purposes and the noble principles of Masonry as any man. I trust that our meeting has not been in vain and that we have cemented again the ties of friendship. They should be too strong to be easily broken. They should be like hooks of steel. Companions, let us not forget the lessons we have learned, but treasure them up as pearls of great price as we turn our faces again from this sacred place. Let us press the hands we grasp with renewed ardor, remembering the uncertainty of life, and that we may be unconsciously bidding the last good-bye. Let there not go from this Council Chamber, any thoughts of wrong-doing, no malice, no envy, no bickerings and no unkind remembrances. Let this occasion be the sweet and green oasis in this year's life. Let it be the symposium of friendship and love which will hallow and mellow our coming days and years. I believe you will deal kindly and charitably with my mistakes and shortcomings. I ask you again to accept my thanks for having so highly honored me, and my best wishes and prayers will be for your continued prosperity and happiness.

"T. W. CRUTCHER, *M. I. G. M.*"

The Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence paid him the highest encomiums of praise for his address and sustained him in everything in their report, and "by a rising vote the thanks of the Grand Council were extended to him for the efficient manner in which the business of the Grand Council was conducted by him."

There was no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. R. E. THOMAS was elected Grand Master and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. W. A. CLENDENING re-elected Grand Recorder. The Grand Officers elect and appointed were severally installed in their respective stations by *M.·. P.·.* BRADFORD NICHOL, General Grand Master, assisted by *M.·. Ill.·.* CHARLES COMSTOCK, acting as Grand Marshal.

VERMONT.

1899.

The Forty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Burlington, on Tuesday, the 13th day of June, A. D. 1899, A. Dep. 2899, *M.·. I.·.* CHARLES A. CALDERWOOD presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are nineteen Councils, with a membership of 1,185, being a gain of forty-seven during the previous year in this Jurisdiction. Sixteen Councils were represented. *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE W. WING, Grand Representative from California, being present.

The Address of the Grand Master is an excellent one, from which we excerpt the following:—

"*Illustrious Companions of the Grand Council of Vermont:*—By the blessing of our Father who is in heaven, we have been preserved through the vicissitudes of the past year in sufficient health and strength to enable us to assemble here for the purpose of holding the Forty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. With grateful hearts let us render profound homage to Him from whom cometh all good gifts for this inestimable privilege. We meet in our new Masonic home, in this beautiful city, the pride of Vermont, with our official ranks unbroken, and peace and prosperity written upon our banner, to render to you an account of our stewardship. To this Annual Assembly I bid you all a cordial welcome.

"Companions—it becomes my duty to announce to you that since we last bade each other farewell, the fell destroyer has entered our circle and stricken from our number many beloved Companions. Is it not written, 'It is appointed unto all men once to die.'

'Already in the Western sky the signs bid us to prepare
To gather up our working tools, and part upon the square.'"

He then gives the biographical sketches and brief Masonic records of the lives of the following *Ill.*. Companions of his own Jurisdiction:—HOMER M. PHELPS, 32°, P. G. M., FRANCIS MCFARLAND, P. G. M., MYRON WILSON JOHNSON, 33°, JOHN W. CLARKE, P. G. H. P., and twelve others, and then those of other Jurisdictions.

His official acts had been few, and purely of local interest, and says:—

"The condition of the Rite throughout this Grand Jurisdiction I may safely say is good. Most of the Councils have done a fair amount of work; some have every reason to be proud of their record; harmony prevails throughout the length and breadth of the Grand Jurisdiction, and the Cryptic Rite will still continue to march on to nobler deeds and more ambitious achievements.

"In concluding, I wish to thank the Companions for the honor conferred upon me one year ago. I hope we may see at no distant time the Cryptic Rite as popular and as much sought after as the other branches of Masonry. The degrees and their teachings are as beautiful as any taught in Masonry, and I am in hopes to live to see them made compulsory before the Commandery orders are conferrred."

The Constitution of this Grand Council makes no reference to the General Grand Council whatever, though a constituent of it, and in effect is sovereign and independent so far as the "Green Mountain State" is concerned. We quote the following:—

"ARTICLE I.

"HOW CONSTITUTED.

"This Grand Council, being the highest source of legitimate Masonic authority in the State of Vermont, of right has the sole government and superintendence of all Councils of Royal and Select Masters in said State. It therefore may grant charters and dispensations for constituting Councils, make all necessary terms and regulations for its own and the government of subordinate Councils, and repeal and alter the same at pleasure, and may arrest the charter of any Council for good reasons, and may reprimand, suspend, or expel members for violation thereof or for disobeence of its mandates."

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.*. Comp. MARSH O. PERKINS, and covers thirty-six pages, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty Councils, California not included.

His head is sound upon the subject of the relative standing in the Councils of Companions under suspension for N. P. D. in Lodge or Chapter, and replies to Comp. GRACE in sound logic as follows: —

"We no not wonder he is weary of trying to convince the Masonic world that one can be in good standing in the council who has lost his standing in the lodge or chapter, whatever may be the cause. The Cryptic degrees can be conferred regularly on Royal Arch Masons only in good standing. That lost, how can one logically retain his standing in the council? The Cryptic Rite stands in altogether a different relation to Symbolic and Capitular Masonry than it does to Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, or other fraternal orders not Masonic. It is recognized and acknowledged as a component part of the American System of Freemasonry, and as such stands on the Blue Lodge and Chapter. If the very foundation is knocked out, what must become of the superstructure? No special legislation is required to determine that. We can assure Companion GRACE that no companion suspended by lodge or chapter, whether because of N. P. D. or any other reason, *can hope to sit in a council in Vermont* until he shall have rehabilitated himself in his lodge and chapter.

"It is true, the General Grand Council has never admitted this dependent relationship in special legislation, and that it has even declared that lodge affiliation is not a requirement for one seeking the degrees in subordinate councils of its own obedience. But it is the only General Grand Body that has not done so, the Grand Encampment even going so far as to declare membership in a commandery forfeited after six months' voluntary non-affiliation with a lodge. While the General Grand has not specically defined the status of a Royal and Select Master, under suspension in lodge or chapter for N. P. D., it is but fair to assume that the usages of the co-ordinate branches of the American System of Masonry ought and should prevail in tbe Cryptic Rite. Any other conclusion, it seems to us, must be an admission that the Rite is not a Masonic institution."

Vermont is generally sound, and after reading the above, Comp. PERKINS reminds us of a sharp Vermont boy, a good many years ago, who saw an advertisement in a Boston paper which read as follows: "Wanted—A bright, active, intelligent country boy, about sixteen years of age, to learn the wholesale grocery business. Apply to Cobb & Co., No. — State St., Boston."

This Vermont boy gathered up all of his little change which he had saved by close economy and left his native town for a trip to the "Hub." Bright and early he arose, went to the place, and waited for a considerable length of time, when he saw two gentlemen standing in the door. He accosted them and asked "Is Cobb in?" They looked down upon him with some surprise and disdain on being addressed by a young fellow like him and made no answer. He then sharply repeated the question, and one of them replied, "You will find Mr. Cobb in the back office; that is him reading the paper." The boy thanked him and hastily made his way to the rear office, where without any preliminaries he went in and ad-

dressed the head of the firm as follows: "Good morning, Cobb! I saw your advertisement in the paper up our way, that you wanted a boy to learn the wholesale grocery business. I think I will suit you. Now, Cobb, give me the place, and I'll do the right thing. Now, Cobb, give it to me." The head of the firm adjusted his spectacles, and lowering his paper, looked at the boy in a very severe and sharp manner bordering on contempt at being so familiarly addressed by a boy, and in a supercilious, and intended to be a withering reply, said: "Do you know what we do with such impertinent and saucy boys as you down here in Boston?" The boy indignantly and fearlessly returning his gaze, replied: "No! and I don't care a darn; but I know what we do with cobs up in Vermont! We rub hogs' ears with them; and if we can't turn them to account in any other way, we break em in two, make pipes of em by putting elders in em!" The head of the firm, astonished at the audacity of the boy, called the manager to him and said: "Put that boy to work and give him a chance; there is the making of a successful merchant in him." So he got the place, and by close application and industry after a few years he was admitted a partner to the firm, and in time, upon the death of the head of the house, he was installed in his place, and after a few years more bought out all the partners but one, and the firm name was changed to Perkins & Marsh; and that is where perhaps *Ill.·.* Comp. MARSH O. PERKINS gets his name.

He quotes the following from Comp. CLEAVES of New Hampshire, in which we fully concur, as it is in confirmation in part of what we said.

Under California he says:—

"The true and only Freemasonry is the three symbolic degrees. We do not object to the other so-called higher degrees, but we impress upon the mind of every brother the fact contained in the above extract. Other degrees are beautiful, instructive, entertaining and of great worth, but are of little value compared with the three which are the foundation upon which the whole superstructure is founded. Our advice to the members of the Craft is, do not forget or neglect the Symbolic Lodge."

Upon which he comments as follows:—

"His advice is good, but isn't he in error in asserting that 'the true and only Freemasonry is the three symbolic degrees'? We think so. The separation of the Royal Arch from the M. M. degree did not change the character of its 'Freemasonry,' but rather broadened and emphasized the lessons of the symbolic degrees, to say nothing of the fact of revealing the true long-lost Masters' word. And then, the Cryptic degrees *throw enough side light* upon the symbolic to stamp them with an element of pure Freemasonry that must not be overlooked."

M.·. I.·. DANIEL PAYSON was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS re-elected Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON.

1889.

The Fourth Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Washington was held in the city

of Seattle, Monday, June 12, A. D. 1899, A. Dep. 2899, at ten o'clock A. M., *M.·. Ill.·.* YANCY C. BLALOCK, Grand Master, presiding, and *Rt.·. Ill.·.* EDWARD R. HARE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are six Councils with a membership of 228 in this jurisdiction, being a gain of three members during the past year.

All of the Councils were represented.

Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master JOHN BRADLEY ROMANS, of the Grand Council of Ohio, being in the ante room, was invited to enter, and was properly received and welcomed by the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and he responded with appropriate remarks.

There is a funny thing taken in connection with this visitation of Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master ROMANS:—

"The Committee on Examination of Visitors presented the following report, which was adopted:—

"*To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters*—We, your Committee on Examination of Visitors, beg leave to report *that nothing has come before us for consideration.*

"Fraternally,

"N. S. PETERSON, for Committee."

In the first place it is addressed to the Grand Council of nowhere, but presumably it is of Washington. They had not looked into ROMANS, for their report says "*there was nothing there,*" which is rather hard on ROMANS. Perhaps they were more intently engaged in straightening out the *Ephesians* and instructing Ahishar to follow the advice of St. PAUL—"*Neither give place to the Devil.*"

The Grand Master's address was as brief as a grizzly's narrative, but yet to the point without any surplusage. It contains only twenty-one lines of original matter upon all subjects.

We regret to note the death of our old friend and Companion, Rev. HARRISON W. EGAN, of Walla Walla, who was an honor to his calling and the Divine Master whom he served. As a gentleman and a true Mason in every particular he had no superior. Affable, courteous, kind and sympathetic, he was beloved by everybody who knew him. He has passed into the Celestial Vault above the Blue Mountain Range, and the glories of the high noon of the Twelfth Hour above his head have painted the aureole of immortality in colors of everlasting beauty and light.

As long as the Columbia shall flow to the sea,
It will murmur its requiem in honor of thee.

This little Grand Council, like that of Oregon, reminds us of the old song, "A little farm well tilled, a little house well filled, and a little wife well willed, give me, give me." The little farm may perhaps be added to by purchase or annexation; the little house may have new stories or dormitories and bow-windows added to it—provided the little wife is well willed and adds to the census, which we hope will be the case by the time the new census is taken next year in Washington.

M.·. Ill.·. CARMI DIBBLE was elected Grand Master, and so that the Grand Council of Washington could get over the ground quick, it re-elected *P.·. M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master EDWARD R. HARE Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

Cryptic Masonry has steadily advanced, and is generally on the increase. In some few instances murmurings are still heard and the desire expressed of "pre-requisition" to the Orders of Masonic Knighthood; but the down won't change into feathers, and the spurs of the Templars will still be buckled on just between us and the Royal Arch, while the Chivalry who *vault* into the saddle, do not want a subterranean passage with but one outlet, and that at the entrance only, to reach the stepping stone from which to mount; and do not want their shields to be previously used under grounds for mortar boards; and if they are to follow the directions of the Spartan mothers, "to return with their shields or upon them" and have to be brought back, they don't want to be laid out in cement or plaster before their entombment. They prefer their effigies as cross legged knights to be stretched upon their sarcophagi above ground, and not to "be buried here," even by the side of the Architect of the Temple. There are now about 50,000 Royal and Select Masters on the rolls of the 530 regular Councils in the world as far as heard from. All of the drama, history, ethics and philosophy, and the laboratory of the Cryptic Rite is subterranean, while the Secret Vault, with its nine arches, is in nowise intended to be used for any other purpose than that taught in the lessons inculcated in its ritual. It is no place for a riding-school or a "merry-go-round," and no horse equipments of any kind from bit to crupper are hung on pegs driven into the walls; and it is no place to enter to get "strapped." The Sacred Treasures are there, and there they will remain until required by the Supreme Grand Vault above, where, if there is any riding to be done, Elijah will furnish the carriage and team with his own outriders, who wear no feathers, for they would get burned. The clamor for pre-requisition will continue indefinitely to pass unheeded, while the faithful Royal and Select Master will enjoy the fruits of his earnest labor and receive his just reward.

We could never understand the reason of this desire to made a toggle-joint of the Cryptic Rite between Capitular Masonry and that of the Masonic Cavalry, where the spur takes the place of the compass and the only square, if any, is the parade ground, and the trowel is displaced by the sword, the lance and the battle-axe on horseback; and where, instead of receiving the corn, wine, and oil as wages, they are sought for in foraging for both man and beast. Neither horse, mule nor ass, nor any other quadruped, is used in carrying mortar into the Secret Vault.

So much concerning pre-requisition unless the degrees are given prior to the second section of the third degree in the Master Mason's Lodge

where the Cryptic Rite would have its most appropriate place, premonitory of what follows; and where for consecutiveness of the historic drama presented, it rightfully belongs. In this connection it may not be inappropriate to call the attention of our Grand Council, that we assemble on the last day of the fiftieth year or Golden Jubilee of our Masonic Sovereign when the Convention met at Sacramento on April 17, 1850, to frame a Constitution and organize the M. W. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of California, which was completed on April 19, 1850, the first Grand Lodge of Masons on the Pacific Coast. As there is to be no celebration of that event it will not be out of place to briefly give the statistics of what its labors have been, during the half century of its existence, to point to the results achieved, and congratulate the Mother Grand Lodge of three others on the Pacific Slope, namely, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona, and in embryo that of the Hawaiian Islands.

The Grand Lodge of California was organized at Sacramento on April 19, 1850, by delegates from *Western Star* Lodge, No. 98, of the Jurisdiction of Missouri, chartered May 10, 1848, *California* Lodge, No. 13, of the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, chartered November 9, 1848, and of *Connecticut* Lodge, No. 75, of the Jurisdiction of Connecticut, chartered January 31, 1849, and upon organization and new charters granted that date, California Lodge became No. 1, *Western Star*, No. 2, and *Connecticut* Lodge, *Tehama* Lodge, No. 3, at San Francisco, Benton City, and Sacramento. *New Jersey* Lodge, under dispensation from New Jersey, was chartered as *Jennings* Lodge, No. 4, and *Pacific* Lodge, under dispensation from Louisiana, was chartered as *Benicia* Lodge, No. 5, and with these small lodges with only 106 members for a constituency, the Grand Lodge of California commenced its glorious career as the foundation of all that has been built upon it, and to which all owe their paramount and supreme allegiance.

There have been 335 Lodges chartered altogether, or a gain of 330, of which two chartered in Oregon, eight in Nevada and three in Arizona have withdrawn, and one in the Hawaiian Islands which surrendered its charter, making a loss of fourteen in other States and Territories, and fifty-four which have surrendered their charters in California or been consolidated with others, of which seven have been revoked, leaving 267 Lodges, or a net gain of 262 Lodges on its roll.

DEGREES CONFERRED.

Initiated, 36,401; passed, 35,035; raised, 34,074. Total Degrees conferred 105,510. Entered Apprentices on the roll, 431; Fellow Crafts, 195; Master Masons, 20,442, or $58\frac{1}{10}$ per cent, 7,695, or $21\frac{13}{100}$ per cent. have died, 460, or $1\frac{1}{16}$ per cent. have been expelled and suspended for unmasonic conduct, which is about equal to that in Christ's parable of there being only one lost sheep out of a hundred, which speaks well for the general

material of which the Craft is composed. The affiliations and restorations being somewhat more than an offset to he withdrawals from membership.

There have been 119 cornerstones laid of national, state, county and municipal buildings, temples, halls, churches and schoolhouses that have been erected, and if they averaged two feet in height, it would make a pile 238 feet high, or eighteen feet higher than the Bunker Hill Monnment.

There have been thirty-three Grand Masters from the first to the last, inclusive, of whom sixteen have died, and seventeen are living, including among the latter *M.·. W.·.* JOHN A. TUTT, the first Deputy Grand Master and the second Grand Master and the only survivor of the organizers of the Grand Lodge. STEVENSON, HYAM, RADCLIFF, HOWARD, CURTIS, ENGLISH, BELCHER, MARSH, PRATT, TITUS, BROWNE, TRAYLOR, TAYLOR, HINES, CONKLIN and GRITMAN have ascended to the Supreme Grand Lodge above to receive the reward of their labors. TUTT, CLAIBORNE, DAVIES, PERKINS, TINNIN, ATKINSON, RUCKER, ESTEE, JOHNSTON, ORME, STEVENS, PRESTON, LUCAS, FLINT, ANGELLOTTI and PATTON are still living to aid, govern and direct the work whereby the Craft may pursue their labors. Of the *M.·. W.·.* Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, the following have also been *M.·. I.·.* Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California: WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH and HENRY SAYRE ORME.

The relief extended has been hundreds of thousands of dollars, and its grandest monument, "The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home," of which it may well be proud, and we congratulate our Grand Lodge upon its Golden Jubilee.

In connection with the history given in relation to the building of King Solomon's Temple in the Master's lecture in the third degree, an error is made in the statement, "and as a striking evidence of the approbation and interposition of Divine Providence, we are informed by the great Jewish historian Josephus, that, though more than seven years were occupied in its building, yet during the whole time it did not rain in the daytime, but in the night season only, that the workmen might not be obstructed in their labors."

There is nothing to be found in Josephus of any such statement in regard to King Solomon's Temple, nor of Zerubbabel's Temple whatever, but referred to Herod's Temple, erected nearly a thousand years afterwards. The following from Josephus may prove not uninteresting to us as Cryptic Masons as well as of the Blue Lodge:—

"Now on the north side of the temple was built a citadel, whose walls were square and strong, and of extraordinary firmness. This citadel was built by the kings of the Asmonean race, who were also high priests, before Herod; and they called it the tower; in which were deposited the vestments of the high priest, which the high priest only put on at the time when he was to offer sacrifice. These vestments King Herod kept in that

place; and after his death they were under the power of the Romans until the time of Tiberius Cæsar. Under whose reign Vitellius, the president of Syria, when he once came to Jerusalem and had been most magnificently received by the multitude, he had a mind to make them some requital for the kindness they had shown him. So upon their petition to have those holy vestments in their own power, he wrote about them to Tiberius Cæsar, who granted his request. And thus their power over the sacerdotal vestments continued with the Jews until the death of King Agrippa. But after that, Cassius Longinus, who was president of Syria; and Cuspius Fadus, who was procurator of Judea, enjoined the Jews to deposit those vestments in the tower of Antonia; for that they ought to have them in their power as they formerly had. However, the Jews sent ambassadors to Claudius Cæsar, to intercede with him for them. Upon whose coming, King Agrippa, junior, being then at Rome, asked for and obtained the power over them from the emperor; who gave the command to Vitellius, then commander in Syria, to give it them accordingly. Before that time they were kept under the seal of the high priest and the treasurers of the temple; which treasurers, the day before a festival, went up to the Roman captain of the temple guards, and viewed their own seal, and received the vestments. And again, when the festival was over, they brought it to the same place, and showed the captain of the temple guards their seal, which corresponded with his own, and deposited them there. And that these things were so, the afflictions that happened to us afterwards are sufficient evidence.

"But for the tower itself, when Herod, the King of the Jews, had fortified it more firmly than before, in order to secure and guard the temple, he gratified Antonius, who was his friend, and the Roman ruler; and then gave it the name of the tower of Antonia. * * * * * * * However, he took care of the cloisters and the outer inclosures; and these he built in eight years. But the temple itself was built by the priests in a year and six months. * * * * * * * * * *

"There was also an occult (hidden) passage built for the king, which led from Antonia to the inner temple, at its eastern gate. Over this he erected for himself a tower, that he might have an opportunity of a subterranean ascent to the temple, in order to guard against any sedition which might be made by the people against their kings. **It is also reported* that during the time the temple was building, it did not rain in the daytime, but that the showers fell only in the night, so that the work was not hindered. And this our fathers have delivered to us. Nor is it incredible, if any one have regard to the other manifestations of God. And thus was performed the work of the rebuilding of the temple."

We thus conclude our review and report, in the last year of the nineteenth century; and with bright hopes to see the dawn of the twentieth century, so soon to burst upon us, the foregoing is

Fraternally submitted.

EDWIN A. SHERMAN,

Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

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* A learned commentator upon this account by Josephus says:

"This tradition, which Josephus here mentions as delivered down from their fathers to their children, of this particular remarkable circumstance relating to the building of Herod's Temple, is a demonstration that such in its building was a known thing in Judea in his time. He was born but forty-six years after it is related to have been finished, and might himself have seen and spoken with some of the builders themselves, and with a great number of those that had seen it building."

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NOTICE.

The Forty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the fifteenth day of April, A. D. 1901, Anno Dep. 2901, at 10 o'clock A. M.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,

Grand Recorder.

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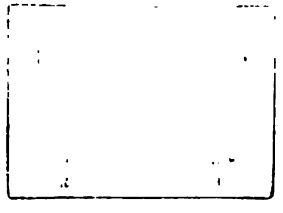

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GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

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FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California commenced its Forty-First Annual Assembly at Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Monday, the fifteenth day of April, A. D. 1901, A. Dep. 2901, at ten o'clock A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following:

The *M.·. Ill.·.* JACOB HART NEFF.....*Grand Master;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* WM. BYRON SCARBOROUGH..*Deputy Grand Master;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* JOHN GOULD BISBEE.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*
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" *R.·. Ill.·.* JAMES BESTOR MERRITT....*Grand Lecturer;*
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" *R.·. Ill.·.* DAVID M. SUTHERLAND....*Grand Conductor of the Council;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* EDUARD KEIL.....*Grand Steward;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER....*Grand Organist;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT..*Grand Sentinel.*

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And the following Officers and Representatives of the Councils named:—

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Helena,..... No. 9,..	" "
Stockton,.....No. 10,..	EDW. RICHARDS HEDGES, Th. Ill. Master; WILLIAM A. DAVIES, EDWARD R. HEDGES, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.
Los Angeles,..No. 11,..	JOSEPH MARTIN LAWRANCE, Th. Ill. Master; JOHN FRANCIS HUGHES, Prin. Cond. of Works; AUGUST WACKERBARTH, WM. BYRON SCARBOROUGH, GEORGE SINSABAUGH, DAVID MONROE SUTHERLAND, GEO. HENRY HABEL, } Past Thrice Ill. Masters.
Oakland,....No. 12,..	CHAS. EDWIN GILLETT, JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, AMASA WRIGHT BISHOP, JOHN ALEX. BRITTON, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.
Gateway,....No. 13,..	JOHN GOULD BISBEE, Thrice Ill. Master; JACOB HART NEFF, JOHN GOULD BISBEE, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.
Santa Ana,..No. 14,.	JAMES DEAN WILDER, Deputy Ill. Master; JAMES HEDGES HALL, Past Th. Ill. Master.
Ventura,.....U. D.,..	MARTIN J. ELY, Rep. of the Council.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials:—

Ill.·. Comp. HENRY ASCROFT,
Ill.·. Comp. MARTIN J. ELY,
Ill.·. Comp. THOMAS FLINT, Sr., } *Committee.*

After a brief recess the Committee reported all the Grand Officers present and nine Councils represented as per roll call.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees:—

On Jurisprudence.

Ill.·. Comps. GEORGE PENLINGTON,
ROBERT ASH,
EDWARD R. HEDGES.

On Appeals and Grievances.

Ill.·. Comps. HENRY ASCROFT,
ALBERT H. MERRITT,
DAVID M. SUTHERLAND.

On Finance and Returns.

Ill.·. Comps. JAMES B. MERRITT,
WM. FRANK PIERCE,
DAVID W. LUBECK.

On New Councils.

Ill.·. Comps. JOSEPH M. LAWRANCE,
JOHN GOULD BISBEE,
EDUARD KEIL.

The Grand Master then delivered his Address, as follows:—

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Illustrious Companions of the Grand Council of California:—

As my official term closes with the advent of the Forty-first Annual Assembly, now at hand, it is in order that I should report to this Grand Body the doings of the year, with the present condition and future outlook of the Cryptic Rite in California.

In remembrance of our associations with this select body of Masons, made sacred by the memory of the many good men who, having completed their labors, have passed to eternal rest, let us pause and give thanks to our HEAVENLY FATHER for His continued blessings and watchful care over us, invoking His guidance in the legistation of the session before us, and praying for His aid and support in our efforts to advance the interests of this magnificent system of Freemasonry, which has for its foundation the virtues of liberality, brotherly love, and charity.

And now, Companions, having recorded our faith in and dependence upon the great I AM, before proceeding with the business before us, let us devote a brief period to the remembrance of dear Companions who, starting with us in the Masonic symbolism of life's journey, with us knelt at the Masonic altar, formed with us the squares, triangles, and circles

exemplified in our Ritual, have finally laid down the burden of life and passed to rest.

And yet, Companions,

"They are not dead; they have but passed
Beyond the mists that blind us here,
Into the new and larger life
Of that serener sphere,
They have but dropped their robes of clay
To put their shining raiment on;
They have not wandered far away,
They are not 'lost' nor 'gone.'
Ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread,—
For all the boundless universe
Is life, there are no dead."

They are not dead, and yet we miss their familiar faces and look with sorrow upon the vacant seats of Illustrious Companions WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS and THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL. *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion REYNOLDS was our Grand Master in 1873, and *Ill.·.* Companion CASWELL for many years our Grand Recorder.

I recommend that a Memorial Committee be appointed to report to this Grand Body suitable action to be taken in memory of the illustrious dead, for record in the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Council. Also that said Committee prepare mourning pages devoted to the memory of Illustrious Companions of sister Jurisdictions, to be published in the Journal, and extend to the bereaved Jurisdictions the sympathy of this Grand Council in their loss.

We have received official notice of the death of the following Illustrious Companions, eminent in the Cryptic Rite:—

Alabama mourns the loss of *Ill.·.* HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG, who died at his home in Auburn, Dec. 17, 1900;

Arkansas, of *M.·. Ill.·.* SAMUEL WRIGHT WILLIAMS, Grand Master in 1882, and *Ill.·.* Companion ROBERT MAXWELL SMITH, Grand Captain of Guards, lost, with his family, in the terrible storm at Galveston, September 8, 1900;

Connecticut, of *M.·. Ill.·.* JAMES HENRY WELSH, Grand Master in 1887, who died in Danbury, December 16, 1899;

Georgia, of *Ill.·.* W. S. RAMSAY, Grand Chaplain and Correspondent, who died in Dublin, March 17, 1900;

Illinois, of *M.·. Ill.·.* ALFRED MATTHEWS WERNER, Grand Master in 1895, who died June 10, 1900, and *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM H. TURNER, Senior Past Grand Master, who died in Chicago, November 10, 1900;

Indiana, of *M.·. Ill.·.* SAMUEL BRADEN RICHARDSON, Grand Master in 1877, who died in Logansport, January 27, 1900, and *M.·. Ill.·.* THOMAS B. LONG, Grand Master in 1895, who died in Terra Haute, July 2, 1900;

Kansas, of *M.·. Ill.·.* JACOB DEWITT, Grand Master in 1884, who died in Salina, January 28, 1900;

Maryland, of *R.·. Ill.·.* WM. H. CLARK, Deputy Grand Master in 1882, who died in Baltimore, June 18, 1900;

Michigan, of *M.·. Ill.·.* DANIEL BOVEE, Grand Master in 1865, who died in Detroit, July 19, 1900; and

Missouri, of *M.·. Ill.·.* WM. B. WILSON, Grand Master in 1882, who died at Cape Girardeau, October 18, 1900.

DISPENSATIONS.

On the 11th of January I granted a dispensation to *Oakland* Council, No. 11, authorizing them to hold an election of officers for the ensuing year on January 31st, the time for holding such election prescribed in the By-Laws having passed, by reason of its falling upon a holiday.

On the 24th of January I granted a dispensation to twelve petitioners, Royal and Select Masters, to open and hold a Council at Ventura, to be called *Ventura* Council. The Council has been opened under favorable auspices and has submitted specimens of its work, with its records, to this Grand Body, with a petition for a charter.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I have issued commissions to *Ill.·.* Companions JAMES C. HAWES, of Red Wing, Minnesota; W. A. FAIRWEATHER, of Tacoma, Washington; and J. E. MCDONALD, of Winsboro, South Carolina, upon the request of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Masters of the respective Grand Jurisdictions, authorizing them to act as the representatives of the Grand Council of California near their Grand Councils.

This Grand Council was represented at the Seventh Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council held at Cincinnati, September 24th, by our *M.·. Ill.·.* Past Grand Master EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, who will, undoubtedly, relate to you his experience at that hot Triennial.

The general condition of the Cryptic Rite in California is encouraging; the improvement over former years is marked; there is less dodging by Royal Arch Masons on their way to the Chivalric Orders; interest has been awakened, especially during the past year, in the attractive and thoughttul degree of Super-Excellent Master; and I believe the awakened interest will continue with its exemplification.

Illustrious Companions of the Grand Council, I regret exceedingly that my public duties, together with private affairs, have prevented me from visiting all the Councils of the Jurisdiction. My official visits have, for that reason, been confined to *Sacramento*, No. 1, *Stockton*, No. 10, and *Gateway*, No. 13, all of which Bodies are flourishing, with a bright future before them. In my visitations I was accompanied by Illustrious Com-

panions ASCROFT, DAY, PENNINGTON, PETRIE, and the Grand Recorder, *Ill.·.* Companion DAVIES. The work was exemplified on each occasion by *Ill.·.* Companion ASCROFT, in his usual excellent and perfect manner.

The true test, however, of the condition of the Cryptic Rite in California is determined by the returns received by the Grand Recorder for the year ending January 31, 1901, which show a net gain of Royal and Select Masters, 45 of which were greeted by *Los Angeles*, No. 11, with *Oakland* a close second, with 38; a greater number than have been enrolled in any one year for the past decade.

Illustrious Companions, we have in this organization a beautiful and sublime system of morality, calculated to impress upon the mind our duty to GOD and our fellow men; let us persevere in the good work, and in the bright future which seems opening up before us we will receive the wages we have earned by faithful service in the past.

In conclusion, I desire to express my appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me by this Grand Council. It was my purpose, on being elevated to this position, to visit all the Subordinate Councils in the State; but as already stated, circumstances beyond my control prevented me from doing so. I desire to express my sincere thanks to our very efficient and able Grand Recorder, *Ill.·.* Companion DAVIES, for many favors extended to me during the past year. I have always found him faithful and courteous in all matters submitted to his care.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JACOB H. NEFF,
Grand Master.

Which was referred to a special committee of three, and the Deputy Grand Master named as such committee, *Ill.·.* Companions WM. FRANK PIERCE, JAMES B. MERRITT and EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES.

The Grand Recorder made his Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address, except so much as referred to finance, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Grand Recorder presented his Annual Report as follows:—

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of California:—

I herewith submit my report of the transaction of the Grand Recorder's office for the year ending this date, together with an account of the receipts and expenditures for the same period, and a summary of the work done by the several Constituent Councils.

The Journal of Proceedings of the last Annual Assembly was issued as required by the order of the Grand Council, viz.: one copy to each Grand

and Past Grand Officer, one to each of our Representatives near other Grand Councils, three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each of our Constituent Councils.

Commissions have been issued to Companion JAMES C. HAWES of Red Wing, Minnesota; Companion W. A. FAIRWEATHER of Tacoma, Washington, and Companion J. E. MCDONALD of Winsboro, South Carolina, to represent the Grand Council of California near their respective Grand Councils, and commissions have been received appointing Companion DAVID W. LUBECK of Auburn to represent the Grand Council of Washington, and *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion AUGUST WACKERBARTH of Los Angeles to represent the Grand Council of Louisiana near the Grand Council of California.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence has been received from the Chairman, Companion AMASA W. BISHOP, and will be published with the Proceedings unless otherwise ordered by Grand Council.

The receipts and expenditures of Grand Council for the past year ending with the commencement of the Annual Assembly have been as follows:

Sacramento	Council, No. 1		$121 50
California	" " 2		150 00
Marysville	Council, No. 3		33 00
Sonora	" " 5		22 00
Shasta	" " 6		24 50
Helena	" " 9		23 50
Stockton	" " 10		34 50
Los Angeles	" " 11		166 00
Oakland	" " 12		116 00
Gateway	" " 13		46 50
Santa Ana	" " 14		38 00
Ventura	" U. D		25 50
			$801 00
Dispensation *Ventura* Council			15 00
Dispensation *Oakland* Council, to elect officers			5 00
For one diploma			2 00
			$823 00

The work of the several Councils indicates a manifold revival of interest in the Cryptic degrees.

Number greeted during the year	178
Transferred as charter members	12
Number restored	7
Number affiliated	6
	203

Number withdrawn.....12
Number suspended non-payment of dues.....14
Number died.....28
Number excluded..... 1
55
Showing a net gain of.....148—203

The increase of the number of Companions greeted is encouraging and betokens an awakening in this most attractive branch of Freemasonry that we trust may continue indefinitely.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer made his Annual Report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California :—

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and disbursements since the last Annual Assembly:—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council R. & S. M. of California:—

1900.			
April 16.	To balance cash on hand		$ 520 48
1901.			
Feb. 5.	To received from Grand Recorder	$ 46 50	
" 11.	" " " " "	150 00	
" 19.	" " " " "	108 00	
Mch. 11.	" " " " "	155 00	
April 8.	" " " " "	228 50	
" 13.	" " " " "	135 00	
	Receipts		823 00
			$1,343 48
1900.			
April 15.	By paid EDWIN A. SHERMAN, services as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Voucher No. 1	$ 65 00	
	" paid CHARLES E. GILLETT, services as Grand Sentinel, Voucher No. 2	7 50	
	" paid SAMUEL D. MAYER, services as Grand Organist, Voucher No. 3	7 50	
	Amount carried forward		$ 80 00

Amount brought forward		$ 80 00
By paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, for expenses Grand Recorder's office, Vouchers Nos. 4, 7, 10, 11 and 12	42 25	
" paid GEO. SPAULDING & Co., printing Proceedings Grand Council for 1900, and Super-Excellent Ritual, Vouchers Nos. 5 and 6	306 10	
" paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, dues to General Grand Council, Voucher No. 8	5 50	
" paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, salary as Grand Recorder, Vouchers Nos. 9 and 13	125 00	
Disbursements		558 85
1901 April 15. Balance cash on hand		$ 784 63

All which is respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on Grievance reported no grievance in sight, and the report was approved.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported no business before them.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address reported:—

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council:—

Your committee, to whom the Address of the Grand Master was referred, recommend

That the official acts, dispensation to *Oakland* Commandery and appointment of Representatives by the Grand Master be approved.

That so much as refers to granting a dispensation to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters at Ventura be referred to the Committee on New Councils.

That so much as refers to the illustrious dead be referred to a Memorial Committee of three.

Your committee join the Grand Master in his attestation of the sterling worth of the Grand Recorder. May he be spared many years, that this Grand Council may be benefited by his wisdom and advice.

In closing this brief report we congratulate our *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, under whose guidance the Grand Council has made such splendid advancement during the Masonic year now closing.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. FRANK PIERCE,
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,
Committee.

The Grand Master named as a Committee on the Memorial of the Dead,

Past Grand Masters WM. FRANK PIERCE,
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,
} *Committee.*

On motion of *Ill.*·. Companion ROBERT ASH, the Grand Master was requested to appoint a special committee to act with like committees of Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery in protesting to the Masonic Hall Association against the arbitrary and illegal closing of the apartment adjoining the office of the Grand Recorder, included in their rental since the Temple was erected.

The Grand Master named as such committee *Ill.*·. Companions ROBERT ASH and GEO. PENLINGTON.

The Grand Lecturer addressed Grand Council concerning an exemplification of the work of the Cryptic Degrees and the publication of the Ceremonies of Installation.

Ill.·. Companion JAMES D. WILDER offered the following resolution and that the same be made a General Regulation of Grand Council, which motion was adopted:—

Resolved, That one or more of the Cryptic degrees be exemplified at each succeeding session of this Grand Council under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, the degree to be exemplified to be optional with that officer.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, with appropriations for the ensuing year, which was concurred in:—

To the Grand Council of California:—

Your committee on Finance and Returns beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and find them correct, and the reported balance of $784.63 in the Treasury.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

For salary Grand Recorder	$125 00
" " " Grand Sentinel	7 50
" " " Grand Organist	7 50
" Chairman of Correspondence	50 00
" contingent expenses of Recorder	25 00
" printing Proceedings	200 00
" Grand Master's expenses in visitations	150 00
	$565 00

Which report was concurred in and the appropriations made as recommended.

Grand Council decided the manner in which the Square, Compass and Trowel should be placed on the Great Light at the Altar.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being in order, the Grand Master named *Ill.·.* Companions WILLIAM M. PETRIE and AMASA W. BISHOP as Tellers, and the election proceeded with the following result:—

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. WILLIAM BYRON SCARBOROUGH was elected Grand Master.

R.·. Ill.·. Comp. JOHN G. BISBEE was elected Deputy Grand Master.

R.·. Ill.·. Comp. ALBERT H. MERRITT was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Works.

R.·. Ill.·. Comp. FRANKLIN H. DAY was elected Grand Treasurer.

R.·. Ill.·. Comp. WILLIAM A. DAVIES was elected Grand Recorder.

After a brief recess the Grand Master announced the following appointments:—

For Grand Lecturer, *R.·. Ill.·.* JAMES BESTOR MERRITT.

For Grand Chaplain, *Ill.·.* THOMAS KYLE.

For Grand Captain of the Guards, *Ill.·.* DAVID M. SUTHERLAND.

For Grand Conductor of the Council, *Ill.·.* EDUARD KEIL.

For Grand Steward, *Ill.·.* JAMES HEDGES HALL.

For Grand Organist, *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER.

For Grand Guard, *Ill.·.* CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT.

The Committee on New Councils reported as follows:—

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council of California:

The Committee on New Councils, to whom was referred the records of *Ventura* Council under dispensation, with their petition for a charter, beg leave to report that they have examined the books, record and papers and find them in regular order, neatly and correctly kept, showing an intelligent desire to perform fully the duties required of them by the Grand Council, and become a valuable addition to Cryptic Masonry in California.

We therefore offer the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That a charter be issued to *Ventura* Council, U. D., located at Ventura, Ventura County, and that it be numbered in accordance with the date of its dispensation.

JOSEPH M. LAWRANCE,
JOHN GOULD BISBEE,
EDUARD KEIL,
Committee.

Ill.·. Comp. AMASA W. BISHOP, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, requested Grand Council to amend the appropriation as presented by the Committee by authorizing the payment to the chairman of fifty dollars in lieu of sixty-five dollars as compensation therefor. The request seeming reasonable, it was granted by the Grand Council.

Grand Council then called off until 2 o'clock P. M.

Upon reassembling, pursuant to adjournment, *M.·.* *Ill.·.* Comp. EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES reported his attendance upon the General Grand Council at its last Triennial Assembly in Cincinnati, and gave an interesting report of its proceedings. The time and place of the next Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Body was not decided, but was left to be designated by the three first General Grand Officers, with power to act.

Ill.·. Comp. ROBERT ASH offered the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Jurisdiction be divided into districts, and that a Deputy Grand Lecturer be appointed and commissioned for each district, and the *M.·.* *Ill.·.* Grand Master be empowered to establish said districts and make the necessary appointments upon the recommendation of the Grand Lecturer.

The sister Jurisdictions of Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, South Carolina, Vermont and Washington were represented, and upon the calling of the Roll of Grand Representatives responded pleasantly to the call of their respective Grand Councils.

The Grand Master named as the Committee on Correspondence for the ensuing year, *Ill.·.* Companions AMASA WRIGHT BISHOP, Chairman, GEORGE PENLINGTON and AUGUST WACKERBARTH.

The Grand Master addressed the Memorial Committee with the request that they prepare a proper notice of our departed Companions in time for publication in the Journal of Proceedings of the present session.

The officers elected and appointed for the ensuing year were then installed in their respective stations by Past Grand Master HENRY ASCROFT, assisted by Past Grand Master JAMES BESTOR MERRITT as Master of the Ceremonies.

The business of the session having been concluded, the minutes were read and approved and Grand Council closed in Ample Form at 3:45 P. M., with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, and the singing of the Doxology by the Grand Council.

A true copy of the Proceedings of the Forty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, held in the City of San Francisco, April 15, 1901, and of the year of the Deposit 2901.

Witness my signature, with the seal of our Grand Council, and the attestation thereunto of our Grand Recorder.

WILLIAM BYRON SCARBOROUGH,
Grand Master.

Attest:

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
Grand Recorder.

APPENDICES.

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NECROLOGY.

In Memoriam.

"O! ever thus from childhood's hour
I've seen my fondest hopes decay;
I never loved a tree or flower
But 'twas the first to fade away.
I never nursed a dear gazelle
To glad me with its soft black eye,
But when it came to know me well,
And love me, it was sure to die."

"How wonderful is death!—death and his brother sleep."

WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS

Was our Grand Master in 1873, a pioneer in California Masonry. He was always an active, energetic representative of the faith that he professed in Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, and in his later attachment to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he was always prominent.

Our brother was a man of large experience in the practical affairs of life. Born in Boston in 1822, he had exceeded by years the limit of sacred writ. Bro. REYNOLDS, in his young manhood, leaving his home as a boy filled with the desire of seeing the world, boarded a good ship bound on a long cruise "for foreign lands and a market." And he has interested his friends in these later days with his interesting descriptions of the Philippines in 1841 and '42, when he spent several months in the islands. His accounts of those early days were most interesting to his friends.

At the organization of the Grand Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in 1870 he was elected its first Grand Commander-in-Chief, and served a term of three years in that honorable office. For the last few years of his life he acted as assistant of Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder THOMAS H. CASWELL, and upon his resignation was appointed by Grand High Priest BLACKMER Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter.

He died in this city July 2, 1900. Peace to his memory.

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,

For many years our Grand Recorder, passed to rest at his home in this city on the 13th of November last, universally beloved by his brethren of every degree in Masonry. We append hereto a report of a Joint Committee of the several Masonic Bodies as a tribute to our Most Eminent Brother's character and worth:

He has passed to rest. He received the fatal mandate in the morning hours of November 13, 1900, at his home in San Francisco. Our beloved Brother reached a good old age, having passed the allotted score, and seemed to us, who survive him, destined to reach the four score years mentioned in sacred writ—but alas for human expectations! In a day he was changed, and to those who knew him best the change forbode the commencement of the end. In a few short weeks his friends were called to accompany his remains to the last sad resting-place, the home of the grave.

Our Brother was born in Otsego county, New York, in 1825, near the lake immortalized in song and story by JAMES FENNIMORE COOPER, the brilliant historian of early days in the Mohawk Valley and Central New York. At the age of 18 he emigrated to Arkansas, and after passing the usual incidents of old school days, graduated from St. Mary's College at Bardstown, Kentucky.

Attracted by the discovery of gold in California, with thousands of others, he crossed the plains in 1849, arriving in Nevada City in the month of October of that year. In the organization of the Courts of that county he was elected County Judge, serving acceptably to the people, and was re-elected for a second term.

He was made a Mason in Lafayette Lodge, a pioneer forerunner of Nevada, No. 13, in December, 1850. He was Senior Deacon, Secretary, Senior Warden and Master of his Lodge, Secretary and High Priest of the Chapter, Recorder and Commander of his Commandery, filling each station several times; was Deputy

Grand High Priest and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California; Grand Recorder, Grand Captain-General, Generalissimo, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of California; Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence in the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery for more than twenty years. He was also a member of the Convention of Annointed High Priests from its organization.

In the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States he was elected Grand Prior in 1870, and filled the intervening stations during the succeeding years, being chosen Sovereign Grand Commander upon the death of Grand Commander PHILIP C. TUCKER in 1894.

Our Brother lived forty-nine years a Master Mason, forty-five years a Royal Arch Mason, forty-four years a Royal and Select Master, forty-five years a Knight Templar and thirty-three years a Mason of the 33d degree.

For the past eighteen years he has been a member of the Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast.

Brother THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was, at the time of his death, a member of the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery of which he was a charter member.

Such is the story of the life of a Mason; such his character and worth. He has gone, but his work lives after him. His record is made—clear in the East, serene in the South, and bright in the West, it presents to us who remain, in no uncertain tones, the inquiry, Are you ready? The response rests with each and every one. The grave has been closed. We have returned "Dust to Dust," and performed the last solemn rites.

Masonry honors the mission of its faithful craftsman and consoles itself with the knowledge that the soul is immortal and has returned to GOD, who gave it.

Our dear Brother, Companion and Frater was buried by his Lodge Sunday, November 18, the A. and A. S. Rite uniting with the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery in the last sad and solemn ceremonies.

During the services a most eloquent and feeling tribute to the life and character of our lamented Brother was delivered by the Most Eminent REUBEN H. LLOYD, Grand Master of Knights Templar in the United States.

"The earth may ring from shore to shore
With echoes of a glorious name,
But he whose loss our tears deplore
Has left behind him more than fame."

Fraternally submitted by the Committees of the—

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons:

WM. FRANK PIERCE,
FRANKLIN H. DAY,
WM. MONROE PETRIE,
Past Grand High Priests.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar:

SAMUEL HOPKINS WAGENER,
JACOB HART NEFF,
HENRY SAYRE ORME,
Past Grand Commanders.

WM. A. DAVIES,
Grand Secretary and
Grand Recorder

To the
M.·. E.·. Grand Royal Arch Chapter and
R.·. E.·. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
of California.

We also report the mournful list of officers and members of the several Constituent Councils who during the year have passed within the veils into the presence of the Heavenly Grand Council.

Sacramento Council, No. 1:

GEORGE WINFIELD CONOWAY,
JOHN AUSTIN CUNNINGHAM,
RICHARD DALE,
VICTOR LEMAY.

California Council, No. 2:

EDWARD TAYLOR ANTHONY,
HENRY TILTON EMERY,
MILO SIDNEY JEFFERS,
CYRUS MOODY PLUMMER.

Marysville Council, No. 3:

CHARLES HAPGOOD,
AMASA WILLEY WHITE,
MARCUS MARCUSE.

Sonora Council, No. 5:

HENRY CLAY CALHOUN.

Shasta Council, No. 6:

WILLIAM KELLNER,
DAVID WEIL.

Helena Council, No. 9:

HENRY D. EVANS,
AUG. WEISENHORN.

Stockton Council, No. 10:

PARK ARBINGTON BUELL,
WILLIAM COTTRELL,
THOMAS CUNNINGHAM,
LYMAN WESTON ELLIOTT,
AUGUST MCKINNON.

Los Angeles Council, No. 11:

LEWIS JACOBS,
LEWIS POLASKI,
TROWBRIDGE HYER WARD.

Oakland Council, No. 12:

WILLIAM ELMER HALE,
CHAS. HENRY TWOMBLY.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,
Committee.

LIST OF THE CONSTITUENT COUNCILS,

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1901.

	Names of Councils.	No. of Council.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
1	Sacramento	1	17	....	....	....	....	2	.....	...	4	209	$121 50
2	California	2	21	....	3	1	....	....	.....	....	6	258	150 00
3	Marysville	3	8	....	1	....	...	10	.....	....	3	50	33 00
*	Sierra Nevada	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....
4	Sonora	5	....	....	....	....	1	....	.....	....	1	44	22 00
5	Shasta	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	...	2	49	24 50
*	Virginia	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....
*	Yreka	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....
6	Helena	9	....	....	....	....	...	2	.....	....	2	47	23 50
7	Stockton	10	3	....	....	....	....	....	.....	...	5	63	34 50
8	Los Angeles	11	45	2	1	11	....	....	.....	....	3	242	166 00
9	Oakland	12	38	3	1	..	....	....	....	....	2	155	116 00
10	Gateway	13	20	1	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	53	46 50
11	Santa Ana	14	13	....	1	....	....	....	.....	....	....	50	38 00
12	Ventura †	15	13	....	12	....	....	....	.....	....	....	25	25 50
			178	6	19	12	1	14	.....	....	28	1245	$801 00

Net gain, 148.

* Charter surrendered.

† Charter members.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Councils		12
Number of Councils making returns		12
Greeted during year	178	
Affiliated	6	
Restored	19	203
Withdrawn	12	
Excluded	1	
Suspended for non-payment of dues	14	
Died	28	55
Net gain		148
Total membership January 31, 1901		1,245

REPRESENTATIVES

Of Other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Colorado	Jacob H. Neff	San Francisco.
Connecticut	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
Georgia	Robert Ash	San Francisco.
Illinois	Wm. B. Scarborough	Los Angeles.
Indiana	William Hewson Davis	Sacramento.
Indian Territory	William Hewson Davis	Sacramento.
Kansas	Henry Ascroft	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	August Wackerbarth	Los Angeles.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maritime Provinces, N. B.	John A. Britton	Oakland.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Minnesota	John Gould Bisbee	Auburn.
Missouri	George Penlington	San Francisco.
Nebraska	James William Towner	Santa Ana.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
North Carolina	William Hewson Davis	Sacramento.
Ohio	Wm. Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
Rhode Island	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.
Washington	David W. Lubeck	Auburn.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	Gaylord J. Klock	Little Rock.
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Colorado	Calvin E. Reed, 1625 Pearl St	Denver.
Connecticut	Alexander B. Shumway	Litchfield.
Georgia	Christopher F. Lewis	Augusta
Illinois	John A. Ladd	Sterling.
Indiana	Orlando W. Brownback	Pendleton.
Indian Territory	Jabez H. Mann	McAllster, Choctaw Nation.
Kansas	Robert E. Torrington	Wichita.
Kentucky	James Dysert Lewis	Louisville.
Louisiana	Samuel Manning Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland.
Maryland	Albert Benedict Lyman	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Eugene H. Richards	Boston.
Michigan	Bayard A. Church	St. Louis.
Minnesota	James C. Hawes	Red Wing.
Missouri	Thomas Seal	St. Louis.
Nebraska	G. W. Lininger	Omaha.
New Hampshire	John F. Maynard	Ashland.
New Jersey	John M. Knapp	Ridgewood.
New York	Theodore H. Barber	Syracuse.
North Carolina	W. F. Randolph	Asheville.
Ohio	Edwin Morrell	Columbus.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	Reuben E. Taft	Titusville.
Rhode Island	Robert S. Franklin	Newport.
South Carolina	J. E. McDonald	Winnsboro.
Tennessee	A. S. Myers	Memphis.
Vermont	George W. Wing	Montpelier.
Washington	W. S. Fairweather	Tacoma.

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

Alabama—BENJ. M. JACOBS, Montgomery.
Arkansas—FAY HEMSTEAD, Little Rock.
California—WILLIAM A. DAVIES, Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Colorado—ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER, Denver.
Connecticut—JAMES MCCORMICK, Hartford.
England—C. F. MATIER, M'k Masonic Hall, Great Q. St., London, W. C.
Florida—JOHN CARLOVITZ, Milton.
Georgia—W. A. WOLIHIN, Macon.
General Grand Council—HENRY W. MORDHURST, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Illinois—GIL. W. BARNARD, Masonic Temple, Chicago.
Indiana—CALVIN W. PRATHER, Indianapolis.
Indian Territory—J. S. MURROW, Atoka.
Kansas—WILLIAM M. SHAVER, Topeka.
Kentucky—JAMES W. STATON, Brooksville.
Louisiana—RICHARD LAMBERT, Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine—STEPHEN BERRY, Portland.
Maryland—GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts—J. GILMAN WAITE, Masonic Temple, Boston.
Minnesota—THOMAS MONTGOMERY, St. Paul.
Michigan—JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, Coldwater.
Mississippi—JOHN L. POWER, Jackson.
Missouri—WILLIAM H. MAYO, Masonic Temple, St. Louis.
New Hampshire—FRANK D. WOODBURY, Concord.
Nebraska—FRANCIS E. WHITE, 1608 Capital avenue, Omaha.
New Jersey—CHARLES BECHTEL, Trenton.
New York—GEORGE H. VAN VLIET, 16 Eighth avenue, New York City.
New Brunswick—JOHN A. WATSON, St. John.
North Carolina—JAMES C. MUNDS, Wilmington.
Ohio—WILLIAM E. EVANS, Chillicothe.
Oregon—SETH L. POPE, Portland.
Ontario—A. G. HORFORD, Toronto.
Pennsylvania—JOSHUA L. LYTE, Lancaster.
Rhode Island—WILLIAM R. GREENE, Providence.
Scotland—D. MURRAY LYON, Edinburgh.
South Carolina—ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Charleston.
Tennessee—W. A. CLENDENING, Nashville.
Vermont—WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Burlington.
Washington—EDWARD R. HARE, Tacoma.
Wisconsin—WILLIAM W. PERRY, Milwaukee.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Council shall be composed of the following officers:

Most Puissant General Grand Master.
Right Puissant General Grand Deputy Master.
Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
Right Puissant General Grand Treasurer.
Right Puissant General Grand Recorder.
Right Puissant General Grand Chaplain.
Right Puissant General Grand Captain of the Guard.
Right Puissant General Grand Conductor of the Council.
Right Puissant General Grand Marshal.
Right Puissant General Grand Steward.
Puissant General Grand Sentinel.

Together with all Past Most Puissant General Grand Masters, Past Right Puissant General Grand Deputy Masters, Past Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductors of the Work; all Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Principal Conductors of the Work, or their proxies; all Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters of the several constituent Grand Councils, and the first three officers of every Council, under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Council, or their proxies, which officers of said constituent Councils shall, collectively, have one vote.

SEC. 3. On all questions to be decided by the General Grand Council, each State Grand Council shall be entitled to three votes, by its representative or representatives. The General Grand officers, when present, shall each have one vote, but no member of the General Grand Council shall be entitled to vote as proxy when the Companion giving the proxy is present.

SEC. 4. The officers of the General Grand Council shall be elected by ballot, and installed at each triennial assembly, except the General Grand

Chaplain and General Grand Sentinel, who shall be appointed by the General Grand Master, at the commencement of each stated assembly, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall be elected and installed.

SEC. 5. The duties of the officers of this General Grand Council shall be such as are appropriate to their several stations.

SEC. 6. The stated assemblies of the General Grand Council shall be held triennially, at such date and place as it shall determine. Provided, that if, in the opinion of the General Grand Master, or, in case of his inability, then of the Senior General Grand officer, there shall be danger of life and health, from sickness or other local cause, by any meeting being held at the time appointed, he may change such meeting to some other time and place, and in the event of such change being made he shall immediately notify the General Grand Recorder thereof, who shall forthwith notify the other officers and members in such manner as he may deem best calculated to effect the desired object.

SEC. 7. The General Grand Master and General Grand Deputy Master shall have authority to call a special assembly of the General Grand Council whenever they consider it expedient or necessary, and it shall be their duty to do so when properly requested by a majority of the Grand Councils, of which four months notice shall be given of the time and place of meeting.

SEC. 8. A quorum of the General Grand Council shall consist of the representatives of three Grand Councils.

SEC. 9. The General Grand Council shall watch over and protect the interests of Cryptic Masonry in the States, Districts or Territories which recognize its jurisdiction, and where there is no Grand Council regularly established; and shall settle all difficulties which may arise and be referred to it, and shall give such advice and instructions as may seem most conducive to the peace, advancement and perpetuation of Cryptic Masonry in its original integrity.

SEC. 10. The General Grand Master, or, in case of his inability to act, the General Grand Deputy Master, shall have power and authority to grant dispensations for new councils of Royal and Select Masters, in any State, District or Territory where there is not a Grand Council regularly established and working independently of any other Masonic body; such dispensation in no case to extend beyond the time of the next stated assembly of the General Grand Council, but no new Council shall be established in any State, District or Territory where there is a regular Council within a reasonable distance, without the consent of the Council nearest the place where such new Council is proposed to be located; and he shall immediately notify the General Grand Recorder of such dispensation, and

make report of the same at the next triennial assembly of the General Grand Council, when the General Grand Council may grant said Council a charter.

SEC. 11. The fees for granting a dispensation shall be twenty-five dollars, and every Council holden by dispensation, or charter, from this body, shall pay into the treasury of the General Grand Council, the sum of one dollar for each companion greeted therein, and fifty cents annually for each member, until such time as a Grand Council shall be regularly established in the State, District or Territory in which such Council is located.

The General Grand Recorder shall be paid by the petitioners *five* dollars for his services for granting a Charter. The fees in the several Councils under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Council, for conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and the appendant degree of Super-Excellent Master, shall not be less than ten dollars.

SEC. 12. Whenever there shall be three Councils regularly instituted in any State, District or Territory, a Grand Council may be established so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate.

SEC. 13. Each Grand Council constituent of this General Grand Body shall pay to the General Grand Recorder, annually, the sum of fifty cents for each Chartered Council under its jurisdiction.

The Grand Recorder of each Grand Council shall be required to transmit to the General Grand Recorder, an official notice of the election of its Grand Officers within thirty days thereafter, and also transmit to the General Grand Recorder six copies of their proceedings as soon as the same are printed.

SEC. 14. Every Council of Royal and Select Masters must have a charter or dispensation from the General Grand Council, or from some Grand Council working independently of any other branch of Masonry, and no Council shall be deemed legal, without such dispensation or Charter; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Council or any member of it, and any Council or Assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden without such charter, or any person assumed to be received or greeted therein.

SEC. 15. State Grand Councils shall determine the legal status of the Royal and Select Masters of their several jurisdictions.

ARTICLE II.

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

SECTION 1. A Council of Royal and Select Masters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Council, shall consist of the following officers: Thrice Illustrious Master, Right Illustrious Deputy Master,

Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, Captain of the Guard, Conductor of the Council, Steward, Sentinel, and as many other members as may be convenient for working together.

SEC. 2. Every Council under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Council, shall annually make a return to the General Grand Recorder of their name, number, location and time of stated meetings, with a list of officers and members, degrees conferred, companions admitted, died, suspended, or expelled, in accordance with a form furnished from the office of the General Grand Recorder.

SEC. 3. Every Council under dispensation from this General Grand Council shall, at the close of its period, return to the General Grand Recorder its dispensation and records.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. This Constitution may be amended at any stated Assembly by a majority vote of the Grand Councils represented.

SEC. 2. Nothing contained in this Constitution shall be construed to derogate from the right or authority of any Grand Council which may not determine to become a constituent of this General Grand Council.

SEC. 3. Whenever this Constitution shall be ratified and accepted by any Grand Council, its Grand Recorder shall immediately notify the General Grand Recorder of such action, and whenever nine Councils shall have so ratified and accepted it, the General Grand Recorder shall notify all the Grand Councils, and the officers of this General Grand Council, who shall thereupon assume their duties as such.

SEC. 4. Immediately after the opening of the General Grand Council the presiding officer shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, consisting of three members, whose duty it shall be to report on membership from time to time during the session of the General Grand Council, and whose term shall expire with the session.

SEC. 5. The General Grand Master elect, after installation, and before the closing of the session, shall appoint the following committees, whose term shall extend and be analogous with the term of the General Grand Master, unless by him sooner removed, by the appointment of his or their successors, viz.:

(*a*) A Committee on FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS, consisting of as many members as in the judgment of the Most Puissant General Grand Master shall be necessary, whose duty it shall be to examine and pass upon all business of a financial nature; to examine the books and accounts of the General Grand Treasurer and Recorder, and to make a report thereof in writing, as early as may be, during the session of the General Grand

Council, and to perform such other duties as the General Grand Council may refer to them.

(*b*) A Committee on THE STATE OF THE RITE AND FOREIGN COMMUNICATIONS, consisting of as many members as, in the judgment of the Most Puissant General Grand Master, shall be necessary; whose duty it shall be to open up and enter into correspondence with all Foreign Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters; to establish and maintain a system of correspondence with all State Grand Councils, not members of the General Grand Council; to watch the interests of the Rite in jurisdictions where it is not under the control of this, or a State Grand Body, and report in a written or printed form at the Triennial Assembly succeeding their appointment.

(*c*) A Committee of CRYPTIC JURISPRUDENCE, consisting of as many members as, in the judgment of the Most Puissant General Grand Master, shall be necessary, whose duty it shall be to examine all questions of Masonic law and jurisprudence, the status of membership, conflicts of opinion, appeal and grievances, as existing or arising within the Bodies constituting the membership of the General Grand Council, which may be referred to them for action or opinion, and such other duties as may be referred to them by the General Grand Master or presiding officer.

(*d*) A Committee on CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS, whose duty it shall be to examine the records sent up by Councils, acting under the dispensation of either of the officers qualified to issue such dispensation; to make report in writing of their internal state, and recommend such action to the General Grand Council as, in their judgment, may seem fit.

General Regulation No. 1.

Resolved, That one or more of the Cryptic Degrees be exemplified at each succeeding session of this Grand Council under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, the degree to be exemplified to be optional with that officer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of R.·. and S.·. M.·. of California:—

I herewith most respectfully and fraternally present the following Annual Report from the Committee on Correspondence, for the year 1901, A.·. Dep.·. 2901.

I have endeavored to present in as condensed form as possible the work of Cryptic Masonry in the several jurisdictions from which Proceedings have been received, giving the meat and substance thereof, without undue discussion.

Generally, it will be observed that new life is being injected into both Grand and Subordinate Councils throughout the length and breadth of the land, demonstrating the fact that the march of the Cryptic Rite is onward and upward. Its light is no longer hid under a bushel, but is being dispensed most liberally, and Masonic searchers for more light are seeking wisdom in its Secret Vault.

Proceedings from the following Grand Councils have been received and carefully reviewed, the meat thereof extracted, and herewith presented:—

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

1900.

ARKANSAS	1900	MICHIGAN—COM	1900
CONNECTICUT	1900	MINNESOTA	1900
ENGLAND AND WALES	1900	MISSISSIPPI	1900
GEORGIA	1900	MISSOURI	1900
ILLINOIS	1900	NEW YORK	1900
INDIANA	1900	NEBRASKA	1900
INDIAN TERRITORY	1990	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1900
KANSAS	1900	OHIO	1900
KENTUCKY	1899	OREGON	1900
LOUISIANA	1900	SOUTH CAROLINA	1896–1900
MAINE	1900	TENNESSEE	1900
MARYLAND	1900	VERMONT	1900
MASSACHUSETTS	1899	WASHINGTON	1900

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF R.·. AND S.·. M.·. OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

1900.

The Seventh Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of the United States met pursuant to a call by the Most Puissant General Grand

Master BRADFORD NICHOL, at Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of Cincinati, Ohio, on Monday, September 24, 1900, at 10 o'clock A. M., the General Grand Master presiding, HENRY W. MORDHURST, General Grand Recorder, and Representatives being present from twenty-two State Grand Councils—California being represented by EDWARD R. HEDGES, proxy for the Grand Master—and was placed upon the Committee of Finance and Accounts.

The Grand Council of Ohio was opened in Ample Form, for the purpose of receiving the General Grand Council with due formality. The members of the General Grand Council were escorted into the presence of the Grand Council of Ohio, and were received and greeted by its Grand Master, *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM T. MCLEAN, in an eloquent address. The *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master then took his station in the East, upon which greetings were had and addresses were delivered by eminent Companions present.

The General Grand Council being duly organized, the General Grand Master *M.·. P.·.* BRADFORD NICHOL delivered his Triennial Address. In words most fitting and appropriate he called attention to the death of two of the General Grand Officers—*R.·. P.·.* SERAMUS BOWEN, of Boston, Mass., General Grand Conductor of the Work, and *R.·. P.·.* Rev. Dr. WILLIAM D'ORVILLE DOTY, General Grand Chaplain, Rochester, N. Y. Also, twenty-four deaths of members of the General Grand Council, residents of different States of the Union.

There was granted by the General Grand Master a dispensation to the members of the Cryptic Rite in Iowa to found a Grand Council—the Cryptic Degrees having been divorced from the Capitular Degrees since 1899. Previous to 1898 the Council Degrees were under the exclusive control of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. In 1898 the Grand Chapter relinquished further control, to take effect March 1, 1899, since which time Iowa has been one of the most progressive States in propagating the Rite in the Union.

During 1898 North Carolina ratified the Constitution of the Grand Council, and the same year Colorado came into the general fold.

It is the decision of the General Grand Council that all Chapter-made Royal and Select Masters must be healed, in order to sit in Councils under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council. The General Grand Deputy is authorized to delegate authority to the *Th.·. Ill.·.* Masters of all Councils to heal Chapter-made members.

The General Grand Master recommended that the Grand Council appoint a committee, one from each Grand Council, together with the General Grand Master, the Deputy, and Principal Conductor of the Work of the General Grand Council, to recommend to the Grand Encampment the making of the Royal and Select Degrees pre-requisite to Knighthood.

In answer to a question in reference to the healing of Royal and Select

Masters, made in Chapters of Royal and Select Masters, the General Grand Master announced that the General Grand Council assumes no special process. Affiliation is healing, or the taking of the Select Master's obligation would be healing.

Fifteen Grand Councils have adopted and are now using the General Grand Council Ritual as the work of their jurisdictions, to wit: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Oregon, Tennessee, Washington, and the Grand Council of New Brunswick, Canada.

Charters were granted to fourteen Councils in the State of Iowa, and Dispensations were continued to *Mountain* Council (Virginia City), and *Reno* Council (Reno, Nevada), and *Towner* Council (Towner, North Dakota).

Dispensations for the formation of fourteen Councils were granted by the General Grand Master during the year ending April, 1900.

In answer to the question: "Does the General Grand Council recognize the Super-Excellent Master's Degree as one of the regular Degrees?" the General Grand Master responds that "The General Grand Council does recognize the Degree, but recommends that the Degree be given without charge to every Select Master, that the beautiful lesson be thereby imparted."

The following officers were elected for the ensuing Triennial term: WILLIAM H. MAYO, General Grand Master; ANDREW P. SWANSTROM, General Grand Deputy Master; HENRY C. LARRABEE, General Grand Principal Conductor; CHARLES H. HEATON, General Grand Treasurer; HENRY W. MORDHURST, General Grand Recorder; GRAFT M. ACKLIN, General Grand Captain of the Guard; J. ALBERT BLAKE, General Grand Conductor of Council; EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, General Grand Marshal; GEORGE A. NEWELL, General Grand Steward.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF WILLIAM HENRY MAYO, GENERAL GRAND MASTER.

Companion WILLIAM HENRY MAYO was born in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, July 16, 1843. Left an orphan when quite young, and almost entirely dependent upon his own resources, he received a good common school education. The inauguration of the Civil War found young MAYO a slender boy of 18. He entered the army a private in Company F, Eighth Louisiana Regiment, C. S. A., and was all through the struggle, serving in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania under the leadership of "Stonewall" Jackson, participating in all the principal battles, receiving several wounds, none of any very serious consequence, however. He was raised by regular promotion to Adjutant of his regiment. After the surrender of Lee at Appomattox he returned to his native State.

He was made a Mason in *Humble Cottage* Lodge, No. 19, at Opelousas, Louisiana, in 1869. He removed to St. Louis in March, 1871, and affiliated with *Missouri* Lodge, No. 1, in 1872, and, passing through the chairs, was elected Master of the Lodge in 1879.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason in *Missouri* Chapter, No. 1, in 1874, and served his Companions as High Priest.

He received the order of High Priesthood October 15, 1879, and has been Grand Recorder of that Body ever since that date.

He received the Degrees of Royal and Select Master in *St. Louis* Council, No. 1, in 1877, and served that Council as Thrice Illustrious Master in the years 1880 and 1881.

In 1879 he received the Orders of Knighthood in *St. Louis* Commandery, No. 1, in 1874, and served as Eminent Commander in 1881.

He received the Scottish Rite Degrees, from the Fourth Degree to the Thirty-second Degree, inclusive, the venerable Dr. ALBERT G. MACKEY (Thirty-third Degree) presiding, and has been an active officer in all four Bodies of the Rite in St. Louis since that time. He received the Thirty-third and last Degree in Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction in Washington, D. C., October 24 1895.

Prior to 1887 he assisted GEORGE FRANK GOULEY in the publication of the *Freemason* that had over 10,000 subscribers. He assisted Brother GOULEY in his duties as Grand Secretary of the Masonic Grand Bodies of the State of Missouri, and after the tragic death of Brother GOULEY, at the burning of the Southern Hotel, April 11, 1877, he succeeded him as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, which positions he now occupies.

He was elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, in Boston, Massachusetts, August 29, 1895. He has served the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Missouri, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri, and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri, as their Grand Recorder and Grand Secretary longer than any other officer they, or either of them, ever had. There are very few Grand Secretaries of any Masonic Grand Body that have to their credit more years of service than has WILLIAM H. MAYO.

At the present time he is serving in the following positions: Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America; Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri; Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri; Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Missouri; Grand Recorder of the Order of High Priesthood of Missouri; General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal

and Select Masters of the United States of America, and Secretary of the four Bodies Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the Valley of St. Louis.

ARKANSAS.

1900.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Arkansas was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, November 23, 1900, THOMAS M. HORSFALL, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; *R.·. I.·.* FAY HEMSTEAD, Grand Recorder, Representatives being present from five Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master gave a hearty welcome to the officers and representatives constituting the Grand Council, also to the Grand Representatives, hoping that each one during the past year had endeavored to do his duty to the Craft at large, and the Cryptic Rite in particular, with a resolve that all Royal Arch Masons shall be informed of the beauty and impressive lessons of the Cryptic degrees, and their importance to him who seeks Masonic Light, indispensable to the true understanding of Ancient Craft Masonry.

The Grand Master feelingly announced the death of Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master SAM B. WILLIAMS, as also the death of *G.·. C.·. G.·.* of the Grand Council ROBERT M. SMITH.

The commendable industry of the Grand Master in the work of the Rite is shown by the numerous visitations made to Subordinate Councils, reviving the lethargic, resurrecting the dead, and enthusing new life into all. To make these, visits were distributed through several months of labor; but the time was well spent, and his reward will be in a rich harvest of new members, as well as the awakening of many Companions to their duty. If all Grand Masters were like industrious there would be a general revival all along the line, — north, south, east, and west. Grand Master HORSFALL was honored with a vote of thanks for his industrious work.

There were greeted and admitted during the year twenty-three. Present membership, 322.

Ill.·. W. FRANK PIERCE is noted as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Arkansas, near the Grand Council of California.

Ill.·. J. R. DARNELL was promoted to the office of *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and FAY HEMPSTEAD was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

1900.

The Eighty-second Annual Session of the Grand Council of Connecticut was held in Masonic Temple, city of Hartford, on the 9th day of May,

1900, STEPHEN J. LYON, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, ISAIAH BAKER, JR., Grand Recorder, Representatives being present from twenty Subordinate Councils.

The introduction to the business of the Grand Council was the conferring of the Super-Excellent degree upon six candidates, in a manner unexcelled, by the officers of *Wolcott* Council.

The Grand Master in his Annual Address referred with pride to the steady increase of membership, which had been uniform and steady during the past ten years, increasing from 2,375 members in 1889 to 3,596 in 1899, it now standing fifth in number of members among the Grand Councils of the United States.

We congratulate the Companions of Connecticut in the splendid record it has made. Let it be an incentive to all Grand Jurisdictions to be up and doing.

The Grand Master congratulated the Companions generally upon the increasing interest displayed at the present time in seeking knowledge of Cryptic Masonry, for a complete understanding of the preceding degrees, believing that the time is not far distant when the Masonic chain will be completed by the enforced addition of this most important link.

He stated that he had not been asked a single official question during the year, showing that the Councils are becoming thoroughly conversant with the laws and regulations.

He advised that visitations to Subordinate Councils be made regularly, and not semi-occasionally; his observation being that Councils least in need of counsel, advice and encouragement are most visited, while those most needing visitation were seldom if ever visited.

Wolcott Council, No. 1, of Hartford bears on its roll the names of 469 members, and if we mistake not is entitled to the prize for having the largest membership of any Council in the United States. If this is a mistake, let the Council which can show a greater membership arise and proclaim itself.

HENRY O. CANFIELD was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and JAMES MCCORMICK was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Greeted during the year, 190; died during the year, 68; present membership, 3,596.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

1900.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales was held at Mark Mason's Hall, London, commencing March 15, 1900, Rt. Hon. THE EARL OF EUSTON, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, F. MATIER, P. D. G. M., Grand Recorder. (No opening Address by the Grand Master.)

There are twenty-six Subordinate Councils working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council, the membership comprising HIS MAJESTY THE KING and many of the highest nobles of the realm, as well as officers of the British Army and Navy and prominent civilians.

The usual honorarium of ten guineas was unanimously voted the Grand Recorder for the excellent manner in which he looked after the interests of the Order.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master then retired, and the Deputy Grand Master took the Throne, and the Degree of Royal Master was exemplified by the Grand Lecturer, assisted by the Grand Officers.

It would appear from the Proceedings that the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master appoints the subordinate officers of the Grand Council, the Grand Master holding his office by virtue of his eminent position of EARL OF EUSTON, having held the office since 1889, succeeding REV. RAYMOND PARTAL, Canon, who died in 1889.

THE EARL OF EUSTON continues to hold the office of *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and C. F. MATIER, P. D. G. M., that of Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

1900.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of the State of Georgia was held at Masonic Temple, in the city of Macon, April 24, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM A. DAVIS, Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM A. WOLIHIN, Grand Recorder.

There were Representatives present from nineteen Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master in his Annual Address congratulated the Companions upon the progress of the Order and its growing interest and influence, looking forward to the day when the Grand Council of Georgia shall take its place in importance, magnitude and power with the other Grand Bodies of the State. His remarks were suggestive that the Council Degrees should be made prerequisite to the Order of Knighthood, which seems to be the growing sentiment of Grand Councils generally. The ritualistic work of the Council, he added, is sublimely beautiful and instructive, and without a knowledge of its teachings a thorough comprehension of the Royal Arch Degree cannot be obtained. It is the finishing touch of Ancient Craft Masonry. It is the keystone to the arch of the principal vault in which are securely deposited the sacred treasures of our Order; and hoped the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar would make the degrees a condition precedent to the Orders of Knighthood.

He pathetically referred to the death of Judge ORLANDO MCCLENDON, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, who passed away September 26, 1899. Also, paid a high tribute to the memory of the late Grand Chaplain and

Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Rev. W. S. RAMSAY, who passed to his reward March 16, 1900—an erudite Mason and foremost thinker and writer on Masonic law.

Did space permit, we would with great pleasure quote in full the beautiful and wise words of the Grand Master upon the future existence, "Beyond this vale of tears," but simply give his closing remarks:—

"The belief in a future existence is co-existent with the human race. It antedates the Apostles and the Prophets; it is older than Moses or Abraham, and goes back beyond the days of Noah. Centuries before the dawn of the Christian era, when the new-made King of Argus was about to offer up his young life in obedience to the will of the gods, she whom he loved so fondly pleaded with him to tell her whether they should ever meet again. He answered:—

'I have asked that dreadful question of the hills which look eternal,
Of the flowing streams which lucid flow forever,
Of the stars amid whose azure my raised spirit hath trod in glory;
All were dumb, but now while I look into thy living face and see the love enkindled there, I know that it can never wholly perish.

'Yes, we shall meet, and know, and love again.'"

"The light of love and humanity is growing daily brighter, and God grant that it may continue to shine until it shall become a consuming fire, whose blessed flame shall cleanse each human heart of its dross of sin and shame, and leave it a living stone fitting for that temple whose Maker and Builder is GOD."

Number of active Councils in the Jurisdiction, thirty,—nineteen Councils reporting a membership of 528.

WILLIAM A. DAVIS was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and WILLIAM A. WOLIHIN, Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

1900.

The Forty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Illinois was held in Masonic Temple, city of Chicago, October 24, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* FREDERICK E. HOBERG, Grand Master, presiding; GIL. W. BARNARD, Grand Recorder, with Representatives from forty-four Subordinate Councils.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master develops an excellent feature in the work of Illinois, which we recommend to Grand Councils generally for adoption. The State has been divided into nine Arches, each Arch comprising a certain number of Subordinate Councils, and a Grand Lecturer appointed for each Arch to visit the Councils in their respective Arches, stir up the laggards, supervise the work and promote the interests of the Rite. It is a plan which should be adopted by every Grand Council, that the Cryptic Rite, the most beautiful, instructive and impressive, may be enthused with newness of life.

The Address of the Grand Master is a purely business document. Among the decisions rendered are the following:—

1st. A non-affiliated Select Master is not eligible to the degree of Super-Excellent Master.

2d. A non-affiliated Past Thrice Illustrious Master cannot legally install the officers of a Council.

The supposition would be that both of the above decisions are based upon the principle that a non-affiliate is not in good standing in the Order; and we are inclined to the opinion that the decision is correct.

There are 58 active Councils on the roll of the Grand Council and 27 dormant Councils awaiting resurrection to newness of life.

A good system has been inaugurated by the Grand Council, that of holding mass conventions of the Rite in different central portions of the State, to deliberate upon matters beneficial to the Rite and to exemplify the work. Classes of candidates are worked up for these meetings and interest in the Rite promoted.

The total membership of active Councils in the Jurisdiction is 2,852, a net gain for the year of 97. There are 27 dormant Councils in the Jurisdiction, the members of which are not embraced in the above figures. One object of the convention system is, or should be, the resurrection of these dormant Councils. There still remain 58 active Councils in the State, the general conditions of which are good, and doing work.

Ill.·. JOHN B. FITHIAN was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and GIL. W. BARNARD was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Total membership for 1900, 2,852, a net gain of 97 during the year.

INDIANA.

1900.

The Forty-fifth Annual Session of the Grand Council of Indiana was held in Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, Tuesday, the 16th day of October, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN BOROUGH, Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Grand Recorder. Sixteen Past Grand Masters answered to their names upon roll-call. California was represented by Grand Representative ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK, Past Illustrious Grand Master. Representatives were present from forty-five of the fifty-one chartered Councils of the State.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a membership in good standing of 2,828, a gain during the year of fifty-two.

The Grand Master in his Annual Address extended a hearty welcome to the Companions of the Grand Council of Indiana, noting that the cycle of time, like a panorama, is silently and swiftly passing by, this meeting being the forty-fifth. In words aptly spoken, he called attention to the fact that twice during the year death had visited the Grand Council,

removing therefrom two familiar faces — first, on January 27th, 1900, when Past Grand Master SAMUEL B. RICHARDSON was summoned to the Celestial Grand Council, after a long and successful active Masonic career. Also, the death of Past Grand Master Judge THOMAS B. LONG, summoned hence July 5, 1900.

As a mark of the high esteem in which the two Past Grand Masters were held, all Council Chambers of the Jurisdiction were ordered appropriately draped.

"Gone to that land upon whose peaceful shore
There rests no shadow, falls no stain;
Where those who meet will part no more,
And those long parted meet again."

One Council was constituted, *Franklin*, No. 72. In closing, the Grand Master congratulated the Rite upon its encouraging increase during the past seventeen years in the United States, from 14,591 in 1883 to 31,369 in 1900.

From the organization of the Grand Council of Indiana, in 1855, there have been elected thirty-seven Grand Masters, fifteen of whom have died, and two dimitted. During the same period there have been elected four Grand Recorders, three of whom have died. The present incumbent, WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, has served since November 10, 1888.

The Grand Council generously voted an appropriation of $100 to assist the Grand Recorder in the expenses of a vacation for his health.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, *Ill.·.* SIMEON S. JOHNSON, Chairman, quotes liberally from the Annual Address of Grand Master WACKERBARTH, of California. That unique Address meets with the commendation it deserves.

HANNIBAL C. YOUNT, Deputy Illustrious Grand Master, was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and WILLIAM H. SMYTHE was unanimously re-elected Grand Recorder.

Grand Representative of California, near the Grand Council of Indiana, ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK; Grand Representative of Indiana, near the Grand Council of California, WILLIAM H. DAVIS, Sacramento.

The total membership of Indiana, 2,828, a gain during the year of fifty-two.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

1900.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Indian Territory held its Sixth Annual Assembly at Masonic Hall, Ardmore, Chickasaw Nation, on the 17th day of April, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN COYLE, Grand Master, presiding; JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW, Grand Recorder. There were present Representatives from three Subordinate Councils — two Councils unrepresented.

The Grand Master, with gratitude to Him who reigns above, stated that not a single death had occurred in the ranks of the members of the Grand Council during the year, though the Destroyer was abroad in other Jurisdictions.

One Council had been formed during the year, at Wagoner, Creek Nation, composed of zealous Companions. He reported, with feelings of pride, that nothing had occurred in the Jurisdiction to mar the good fellowship of the members of the Rite. He heartily endorsed the proposition that the Cryptic Rite should be made a pre-requisite to admission to the Commandery of Knights Templar, stating that he found many eminent in the Order who favored the proposition that it be adopted as the law of the Grand Encampment, quoting the noted Masonic student, Companion DRUMMOND, of Maine, as well as others. "In fact," he remarked, "the true lecture of the Master Mason's Degree is found in the Royal and Select Council."

The next Annual Assembly was voted to be held at Muskogee, Indian Territory.

EUGENE HAMILTON was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and JOSEPH S. MURROW, Grand Recorder.

Number of members December 31, 1899, 136 — net gain of two.

KANSAS.

1900.

The Thirty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Kansas convened at Masonic Temple, Topeka, Monday, February 19, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* THORP B. JENNINGS, Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM M. SHAVER, Grand Recorder—*P.·. G.·. M.·.* ROBERT E. FARRINGTON, Grand Representative of California, being present.

Of the thirteen Subordinate Councils, ten were represented. Total membership of the Jurisdiction, 1,059—a gain of 152 during the year.

The Address of the Grand Master was able, poetical and interestingly descriptive, recounting the unique Pilgrimage to Pike's Peak, and there making a memorial deposit in a crypt, cut in the solid rock, on the very summit of the mountain, 14,127 feet above sea level. The report of this Pilgrimage by the Grand Recorder, WILLIAM M. SHAVER, covers twenty-one pages of the Proceedings, with choice illustrations.

During the Pilgrimage 203 Royal Arch Masons, representing eleven States and Territories, passed the Circle of Perfection in a perfectly tyled Crypt in the stone building erected by the United States Government as a signal station on the summit of the mountain, above the clouds—the highest altitude on the face of the globe where Masons ever sought to congregate for such a purpose. The descriptive report written by *Ill.·.* WILLIAM M. SHAVER, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, Kansas, is

one of the most interesting descriptive pen pictures it has been our pleasure to read, besides the illustrations are choice, and the whole most valuable for preservation as a unique souvenir.

We fully endorse the sentiment promulgated by the Grand Master that "It is a Masonic duty to encourage Masons to advance in Masonic knowledge; to keep in touch with the Lodge and Chapter, and nurse the newly-made Mason in his search for more light—for the meat of Masonry is found in the Cryptic Rite." The Grand Master also states that he has found that Councils which have reduced the fee to $10 are in a much more prosperous condition. The same result is manifest in California.

The Grand Master, in announcing the death of Most Illustrious Companion JACOB DEWITT, P. G. M. of R. & S. M. of Kansas, pronounced a most eloquent eulogy upon his worth and eminent services.

Chairman SHAVER of the Committee on Correspondence notes the recommendation of Acting Grand Master of California that the Cryptic Degrees be made pre-requisite to Knighthood.

E. M. WELLINGTON was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and WILLIAM M. SHAVER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

1899.

The Seventy-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Kentucky convened at the city of Louisville on Monday, October 16, 1899, WILLIAM DAVIS CANNON, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding. JAMES W. STATON, Grand Recorder, and Representatives were present from twelve Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master in his Annual Address called attention to his action in suspending the *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master of *Louisville* Council, No. 4, for discarding and rejecting the authorized Ritual adopted by the Grand Council, and substituting therefor a work bought in the open market. It is hardly necessary to remark that the action of the Grand Master was approved.

Of the sixty-three Subordinate Councils chartered in the State, only twenty-five are now active, the charters of the balance having been declared forfeited under the regulations of the Grand Council.

There is quite a large graveyard of dead Councils awaiting resurrection in the "Blue Grass State," having lain dormant for periods dating from 1852 to the present, awaiting the trumpet notes of some Puissant Grand Master GABRIEL to call them into action, life and being.

We would recommend to our Kentucky Companions the system of visitation, which has proven so effective in other Jurisdictions in resurrecting dormant Councils and instilling new life into lethargic Companions.

The Grand Master reported the "removal of fourteen Companions of the Rite from this Secret Vault of Earth to the Star-gemmed Vault of Heaven" during the year.

An invitation was extended to the members of the Grand Council to attend a meeting of the Knights Templar of Kentucky, to consider ways and means looking to the Triennial Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States in Louisville in 1901, which invitation was accepted.

Our Kentucky Companions placed themselves upon the right and legal side of the question of "Whether suspension in the Blue Lodge acts as a suspension through the whole line of Masonic Bodies?" deciding that suspension does so act. The Blue Lodge is the corner-stone upon which all Masonic Orders of Masonry are founded.

JOHN CLARK, *R.·. Ill.·.* Deputy Grand Master, was promoted to the office of *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and JAMES WILLIAM STATON was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Number of members in 1898	1,010
Number of members in 1899	978
Loss in membership	32

LOUISIANA.

1900.

The Forty-fifth Annual Session of the Grand Council of Louisiana was held in Masonic Temple, in New Orleans, February 15, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* ROBERT H. GAGE, Grand Master, presiding; RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Recorder—Representatives from four Subordinate Councils being present. California was represented by *Ill.·.* Companion SAMUEL M. TODD, Grand Representative.

The Grand Master reported that his official acts had been few, and regretted that he had little to report regarding Cryptic Masonry in Louisiana. He reported that only 14 new members had been greeted, seven members had died and one had dimitted, leaving a net gain of six.

He reported a state of lethargy existing in Cryptic Masonry in Louisiana; that it was not progressing as it should, and recommended that steps be taken to bring about a return of that fervency and zeal which only lies dormant in the hearts of Companions. That something must be done, he urged, to build up the Rite in the Jurisdiction.

The recommendation is good, and to the point, and our Louisiana Companions should wake up, shake off the lethargy which prevails and be up and doing the good work which the Grand Master acknowledges has been neglected. It is to the officers the Craft look for an example, and if they are derelict in their duty the Rite suffers thereby. The officers should take the lead, and get into the Cryptic swim while the waters are troubled, instead of succumbing to the dry rot plague which threatens the Rite in Louisiana.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows $261.88 in the treasury, which might be used to advantage in placing in the field one or more

enthusiastic workers, to visit the Subordinate Councils, re-light the fires upon their altars and stir up a revival of the Rite. The warm blood of our Louisiana Companions should not be allowed to chill from mere inactivity. The State presents a goodly field for a rich harvest, if properly tilled and worked. Pardon me for these courteous criticisms—they are made with intentions the best.

J. F. PIERSON was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and RICHARD LAMBERT was re-elected Grand Recorder.

It is hoped the next report of the Annual Proceedings will show a marked revival of Cryptic Masonry in the Pelican State.

Number of members as per returns—one Council failing to report—169.

MAINE.

1900.

The Forty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Maine was held in Masonic Hall, city of Portland, May 2, 1900, JAMES E. BLANCHARD, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from seventeen Subordinate Councils—*Ill.·.* JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Grand Representative for California, being present.

The Grand Master's Address was confined principally to business, after paying just tribute to the honored dead—first to the memory of P. D. G. M. HIRAM CHASE, who died at Belfast, Maine, April 5, 1900.

His visitations to Subordinate Councils, he remarked, were not as he intended they should be. His report, notwithstanding, shows that they were very profitable, and worthy of imitation by Grand Masters generally. Visitation serves to awaken sleepy Companions, stirs up new interest in the Rite, instilling new life into languishing Councils, and creating a rivalry among the Councils of the Jurisdiction as to who can best work, do the most work, and best agree as Companions should.

The Companions of the Pine Tree State seem to dwell together in unity, as no question of difference between Companions or Councils were presented to the Grand Body for adjudication.

The Grand Master, in concluding his Address, made suggestions to officers of Councils which have a universal application, as follows: "Make a point to assemble your Council promptly and regular at the time provided by your By-Laws. Attend the meetings of your Chapter, for it is there you should get your candidates. Make yourselves proficient in the Ritual and ceremonies, even if you have no immediate prospect of work."

We recommend the reading of the above by all officers of Subordinate Councils.

The Deputy Grand Master reported, among other visits to Councils, that of *Mt. Vernon*, No. 2, of Brunswick, over *two hundred* Companions being present; and thirty-five candidates, one of whom was *ninety years of*

age, received the Degrees. The work was reported well done, and the traditional banquet all that could be desired—alimentary and intellectually.

The State is districted among the Grand Officers, and each reports the visitations he makes to the Grand Master, and he to the Grand Council, a feature worthy of imitation by all Grand Councils.

There are sixteen active Councils under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council, with a membership of 2,552.

Companion ALBRO E. CHASE, Chairman of Correspondence Committee, quotes liberally from the Annual Address of Grand Master WACKERBARTH, of California.

R.·. I.·. BIAL F. BRADBURY was promoted to the office of *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and STEPHEN BERRY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

There were greeted during the year 121 Companions.

MARYLAND.

1899.

The Proceedings of the Grand Council of Maryland for the years 1897-8 and 9, embraced in one volume, is at hand, and as the portions of the first two years noted are simply formal, we note those of 1899 only.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Session was held in Masonic Temple, Baltimore, on November 15th, 1899, *M.·. Ill.·.* HENRY C. LARRABEE, Grand Master, presiding; GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, Grand Recorder—with Representatives from ten Subordinate Councils present. Companion ALBERT B. LYMAN, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of California, being present. Ten Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his Annual Address, reported the past year a quiet one so far as local affairs were concerned, whilst the Rite continued in a favorable condition.

The Grand Lecturer having visited most of the Councils of the Jurisdiction, reports favorable interest manifested, with the exception of three Councils which were in a comatose state. One of them not having made returns for three years, he recommended that its charter be revoked.

Lebanon Council, U. D., having complied with all requirements, a charter was granted by the Grand Master. He also instituted two new Councils during the year—one at Frostburg and one at Hagerstown. The officers of both Councils have since displayed commendable zeal, and petitions for charters would be presented at this session, which he recommended that they be granted.

There are 13 Subordinate Councils in the State; one of them, *Concordia*, No. 1, of Baltimore, having 207 members; another, *Jerusalem*, No. 2, has a membership of 150. Total membership in the Jurisdiction, 671. There were greeted during the year 170.

The populous State of Maryland should present a membership quadruple of that reported.

Ill.·. HENRY C. LARRABEE was re-elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and GEORGE L. MCCAHAN was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

1899.

The Seventy-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Massachusetts was held at Masonic Temple, Boston, Wednesday, December 13, 1899, *M.·. Ill.·.* SAMUEL G. LYMAN, Grand Master, presiding; J. GILMAN WAITE, Grand Recorder. Representatives were present from twenty-five of the twenty-seven Subordinate Councils, the total membership of which is reported at 6,190 — a net gain of 159 for the Masonic year.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, in his Address, congratulates the Companions upon the success of the past year, contrasting the Order of to-day with that of half a century ago, then few in numbers — to-day, the strongest Grand Council in the Union, so far as the number of membership is concerned; an incentive for more earnest efforts in the future.

According to the usual custom (which all Grand Masters might well imitate), he visited, or caused to be visited, during the year every Subordinate Council in the State, examining their work, witnessing the conferring of the degrees, encouraging the weak and complimenting the live and energetic. If this visiting plan were adopted by all Grand Councils it would prove a most effective means of building up the Cryptic Rite, enthusing a spirit of emulation into the Order, which could not fail to bear abundant fruits.

The Grand Master called attention to the partial destruction by fire of the Charter of *Amesbury* Council, appropriately suggesting that Councils deposit their charters where they would be absolutely safe from fire, using certified copies for ordinary occasions. A good suggestion. An old charter, bearing the signatures and names of the pioneers of the Rite, is valuable in proportion to its age.

Two Special Assemblies of the Grand Council were held during the year, for the purpose of exemplifying the work, — one in Boston and one in Springfield, — both being successful, spreading light and knowledge, as well as awakening interest among the Companions.

The Grand Master reported that he had issued a dispensation to fifty-six Companions of Lynn, Massachusetts, to organize a Council, under the name of *Zebulan* Council, which in less than eleven months increased its membership to 120, to which a charter was granted by the Grand Council.

He closed his Address by stating that his official connection with the Grand Council, covering a period of three years, had been the pleasantest

of his Masonic experience. It was a source of the highest gratification that those years were free from discord of any nature. Thanking the Companions for their loyal support and acts of kindness and courtesies extended by the Subordinate Councils, he proceeded to the business of the Grand Council.

The Grand Council approved the amendment to the By-Laws of *Springfield* Council, providing that twenty-five years' membership shall exempt the member from dues thereafter.

BEALIS SANFORD was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, and J. GILMAN WAITE was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN.

1900.

The Annual Proceedings of the Grand Council of Michigan for 1900 was reviewed by the Committee on Correspondence in the report of last year. The Proceedings of 1901 not having arrived, we take pleasure in giving the contents of a letter received from *Ill.·.* B. A. CHURCH, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of California, near the Grand Council of Michigan:

ST. LOUIS, MICH., February 9, 1901.

A. W. Bishop, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence—

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: I had the pleasure of attending the Forty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Michigan, at Detroit, January 14 and 15, 1901, on which occasion your Representative was accorded the customary honor tendered Grand Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions, and doubtless as a special mark of the esteem in which the Companions of the Golden State are held by their Companions here, was elected Grand Steward.

The most important legislation passed was a regulation declaring: "Voluntary non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter for six months shall deprive a Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Master of his membership in the Council, and subjects him to the same disabilities as if suspended."

Allow me to congratulate you upon the excellent showing of *Oakland* Council, No. 12, which had just 100 more members than our Council here had at the beginning of the past year; and it in no way detracts from your record to say that we exalted forty-seven during the year just closed, as we did more work than any other Council in 1900 in this Jurisdiction, I believe. Fraternally and courteously yours,

B. A. CHURCH, Representative.

We concede with pleasure the prize to our sister Council of St. Louis, Michigan—it beats us just ten—though our Council made a clean gain of just forty. We will try and overtop our Michigan sister in 1901.

Accept the compliments of *Oakland* Council, and also that of the Grand Council of California, in having, as its Grand Representative, near the Grand Council of Michigan, a live and enthusiastic Representative. If

all Companions throughout the Union were possessed of the same zeal, Cryptic Masonry would forge ahead to the front rank of all the Rites.

Since the foregoing was sent to the printer, the Proceedings of the Grand Council of Michigan has come to hand, to which the following is added:

The Grand Council convened in its Forty-third Session in Masonic Temple, City of Detroit, January 14, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.* RICHARD A. CATTON, Grand Master, presiding; JEFFERSON S. CANOVER, Grand Recorder. Representatives from fifty-three Subordinate Councils were present.

The Grand Master paid a worthy tribute to the memory of Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master DAVID BOVEE, who passed to his reward July 19, 1900; and also other Illustrious Companions who had passed to the Celestial Arch above during the year. He also reported his official visitations during the year, and the status of the Rite as most encouraging.

There are fifty-nine Subordinate Councils in the State, with a total membership of 4,567; number greeted during the year, 198.

LOU B. WINSOR, for the Committee on Correspondence, gives over two pages of the able and unique Address of *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master WACKERBARTH of California, session of 1900.

Michigan is one of the most progressive States in Cryptic Masonry of the Union, as its membership shows.

M.·. Ill.·. ROBERT T. SMITH was elected Grand Master, and JEFFERSON S. CONOVER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

1900.

The Thirty-first Annual Session of the Grand Council of Minnesota was held in Masonic Temple, St. Paul, October 8, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE FORSYTH, Grand Master, presiding; THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Recorder—with Representatives from five Subordinate Councils. Companion J. C. HAWES, representing the Grand Council of California, being present.

The Grand Master announced the death of the Grand Sentinel, JEAN C. FISCHER, the only break in the ranks of the Grand Council.

In his Annual Address the Grand Master urged upon every Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar, who have not done so, the obtaining of the Cryptic Degrees to complete their Masonic knowledge. No capitular Mason can afford to neglect the beautiful and instructive degrees of the Cryptic Rite, so full of Masonic tradition and symbolism, and so necessary to an intelligent comprehension of the traditions, from the third to the seventh degrees. Masonic knowledge is not complete without the Cryptic Degrees.

On May 26, 1900, upon request, the Grand Master directed a commission to issue to Companion JOHN G. BISBEE as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Minnesota near the Grand Council of California.

Only one death had occurred in the ranks of the Grand Officers, that of Companion JEAN C. FISCHER, the Grand Sentinel. He had served as Tyler for most of the Grand and Subordinate Bodies meeting in the Temple since 1883.

During the year there was a loss in membership in the Jurisdiction of twenty. The Grand Master accounts for this as follows: "As soon as a Companion receives his Royal Arch Degree a Commandery petition is placed before him, and the Cryptic Rite is never mentioned. We most earnestly urge every Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar to petition for the Council degrees. We all know a Masonic record is not complete without them."

Would it not be well to join with numerous illustrious Companions in making the Cryptic degrees pre-requisite to receiving the Order of the Temple? The degrees are virtually inexpensive as compared with the other Masonic orders.

The Committee on Correspondence quotes liberally from the polished and interesting Address of *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master WACKERBARTH of California—in fact the high order of the Address has found favor with the Committees on Correspondence generally.

JEROME E. COOLEY was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and THOMAS MONTGOMERY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Total membership of the Jurisdiction, 667; number of Councils, 7. There is a good field in Minnesota for propagation of the Rite.

MISSISSIPPI.

1900.

The Forty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Mississippi was held in the city of Meridian, February 19, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* FREDERICK SPEED, Grand Master, presiding; J. L. POWER, Grand Recorder, together with Representatives from 26 Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master delivered an able Address, occupying five pages of the published Proceedings, every line being radiant with inspiring thoughts and rich in historic lore. It was an interesting synopsis of the progress achieved during the golden century just closed, not only in the conditions of mankind generally, but more especially in Masonic development.

"In all this advancement and progress, Masonry," said he, "has been at the forefront, a force and power in the general advancement and uplifting of humanity and the world. Men no longer weary themselves over abstruse doctrinal points, but rather find the solution of the Divine pur-

pose in deeds of kindness, love and good will. * * * Freemasonry can contemplate the active part it has taken in the great drama of the century, its progress, advancement and development—the legitimate fruit, in a measure, of the seeds sown in the Lodge. * * * How far the fathers of the great American Republic were influenced by the lessons learned in the Lodge in the formation of its wonderful Constitution cannot be determined; but that they followed the model devised in the Lodge is too apparent to require demonstration. * * * The great principle that all men are equal before the law and in the sight of GOD, was found nowhere, except in the Masonic Lodge, until engrafted in the Constitution of the United States. * * * In the olden forms of Masonic government, as in the present, was planted the primary principle that all governments exist by the will and for the good of the governed. * * * *Salus populi suprema lex* was the law of Masonry long before Constitutions were written. * * * But above all, these sturdy patriots had learned around the Masonic altar to respect and regard the religious convictions of each other as something sacred. * * * We have the right to claim that it is to Masonry the world owes much for which men rejoice as the sun sinks behind the western horizon of the golden century with a halo of resplendent glory."

I would that space permitted the reproduction of the Address in full, for it should receive immortality by general publication.

The Grand Council of Mississippi stands in the forefront of active, progressive workers, taking the lead in the southern portion of our common country, and not surpassed by any Jurisdiction North, South, East or West.

Through the energetic work of the Grand Lecturer, Companion J. L. SPINKS, eight dormant Councils were resurrected to new life during the year, increasing the number of active Councils to fifty-one. The increase of membership was 149 greeted and twelve healed. California extends the right hand of fellowship to Mississippi in the good work, and may it continue uninterrupted through the new century.

The Grand Council and Chapter of Mississippi jointly contribute to the expense of a Grand Lecturer, and keep him in the field so much of the time as is necessary. The plan should be adopted by the California Grand Council and Grand Chapter, to the advantage of both Rites—stirring up the laggards, awakening interest in both Rites, resurrecting the dormant and bringing back to the fold the stray sheep. Let us join Mississippi in the progressive race.

M.·. Ill.·. FREDERICK SPEED was re-elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and J. L. POWER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Total membership, 794—a gain of 110 for the year.

MISSOURI.

1900.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Session of the Grand Council of Missouri convened in Free Masons' Hall, Kansas City, April 25, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* DAVID M. WILSON, Grand Master, presiding, WILLIAM H. MAYO, Grand Recorder, with all the Grand Officers present and Representatives from thirteen Subordinate Councils.

The Address of the Grand Master was short, pointed, and a well-worded talk to the Companions. Looking backward, and scanning the twelve months passed, he was pleased to state that Father Time had dealt kindly with them. None had attempted to stir up strife; none had dared to molest or make afraid; the White Wings of Peace had hovered over them; the Day Star of Hope was in their hearts, and their lines had fallen in pleasant places. He had visited all the Councils "on the north side of the river," but sickness and business had prevented him from visiting those on the "south side of the river"; that duty he left to his successor. He stood sponsor for two new Councils instituted, and dispensations for receiving petitions and balloting for candidates had been freely granted when applied for. He regretted his inability to attend the "Pike's Peak Pilgrimage"; and had not been called to pass upon a single disputed question, nor had a complaint of any kind been presented to him. Harmony seems to prevail throughout the Jurisdiction. The Companions of Missouri are at peace with themselves and all mankind.

"Behold how good and pleasant it is
For Brethren to dwell together in unity."

Masonry is not contentious, but forbearing and kind — and such seems to be one of the growing glories of our Missouri Companions.

The status of the Councils in the State is summed up in the report of the Committee on Grievances: "That every member of the Royal Craft in Missouri seems to be satisfied with himself and everybody else, and has no appeal to make or grievance to present."

The Masonic Home was reported to be in a fair financial condition, extending its beneficent influences to the worthy of the Order.

The proposition of Grand Master ROBERT ASH, of California, that the degrees of Royal and Select Masters should be made pre-requisite to Knighthood was quoted in full, without comment.

JOHN H. MURPHY, Deputy Grand Master, was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and WILLIAM H. MAYO was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Number of members on the roll December 31, 1899, 813, ninety-two of which were greeted during the year.

NEW YORK.

1900.

The Ninety-first Assembly of the Grand Council of New York convened at Masonic Hall, in the City of New York, Tuesday, August 28,

1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* JAMES B. MCEWAN, Grand Master, presiding; GEORGE VAN VLIET, Grand Recorder. Representatives from twenty-three Councils were present — a small number for the Empire State of New York; and what is still more surprising is, that there are but twenty-six live Councils in the State, though the last number on the roll is 73, from which we infer that forty-seven Councils have gone out of active existence since the Grand Council was organized nearly a century of years ago; a strong argument in favor of the Cryptic Degrees being made pre-requisite to Knighthood.

As the Council fills a most important gap in the Masonic legend, it seems somewhat singular that comparatively so few among the many thousand Masons in the Empire State seek the light and knowledge to be found only in the Cryptic Rite.

The total membership of the Rite in New York is 4,109, an increase during the year of 132, an average of five for each Council.

The Reaper, Death, with sickle keen, made sad inroads upon the membership during the year, cutting off in the midst of their days, or in ripened age, fifty-eight Companions, among whom were *Rt.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM D'ORVILLE DOTY, Grand Chaplain, and *Rt.·. Ill.·.* JOHN F. SHAFER, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New York.

M.·. P.·. GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, quotes two pages of the closing portion of the Address of Grand Master WACKERBARTH, of California, "for the good reason," as he states, "that it is in a different line of thought than is usually found in Masonic addresses — thoughts worthy of consideration, of study and of close application to Masonic life and customs, trusting our intelligent Masonic brethren who delight in the study of Masonic sybolism, and who are not satisfied with the shadow when the substance is attainable, will find much pleasure and comfort in these sources of investigation, the new field to many which has been opened by our Illustrious Companion in his Address."

We are pleased to note the appreciation of so able a critic as Companion OSGOODBY, for such thoughts deserve the immortality of reproduction.

Peace and fraternal good will seem to prevail throughout the Jurisdiction, as the Committee on Appeals and Grievances had nothing to report except peace and harmony.

A vote of thanks of the Grand Council was tendered to the retiring Grand Master, *M.·. Ill.·.* JAMES B. MCEWAN, for his efforts to advance the interests of the Cryptic Rite during his term of office.

The Grand Master was requested to apportion the several Councils in the Jurisdiction to the Grand Officers for visitation.

GEORGE MCGOWN was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and GEORGE VAN VLIET was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA.

1900.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Nebraska met in Annual Assembly in Freemasons' Hall, Omaha, December 12, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* DANIEL H. WHEELER, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* FRANCIS E. WHITE, Grand Recorder, Representatives from six of the thirteen Councils being present.

The Grand Master in his Address stated that he "had not been called upon to visit any Subordinate Councils, nor to pass upon questions of jurisprudence during the year." Evidently the system of visitation has not been adopted in Nebraska, which accounts for the small membership and lack of fervor and zeal which abounds in most of the States of the Union.

The Grand Master also called attention to the failures of Subordinate Councils to make returns, recommending the taking up of their charters. We volunteer a suggestion: that the lifeless Councils be visited by an enthusiastic officer of the Grand Council to wake up the sluggards, set them at work in the Cryptic vineyard, resurrecting instead of burying the dormant Councils, institute a general revival of the Rite, and mark the good results. Start the new century with zealous work in resuscitating the dying by visitation, which is the "elixir of life." Try it.

JAMES A. GRIMISON was re-elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and FRANCIS E. WHITE was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The eight Councils making returns show a membership of 320—a gain of 32 during the year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

1900.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Hampshire was held at Freemasons' Hall, city of Concord, Monday, May 14, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* CHARLES H. WEBSTER, Grand Master, presiding; FRANK D. WOODBURY, Acting Grand Recorder. Representatives from ten Subordinate Councils were present—only one Council not represented.

The Address of the Grand Master was almost wholly confined to business, after paying tributes to the memory of the honored Companions who have already passed within the veils of the Heavenly Arch during the preceding year.

The Grand Master is a firm believer in the effective results of visitation of Subordinate Councils, and in laying out the visitation work assigned four Councils to the Deputy Grand Master, four to the Grand Conductor of the work, and reserved to himself three Councils for visitation.

He reported the result of visitations most profitable to the Rite, while peace and harmony prevailed throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

The degrees of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master were exemplified in the Grand Council, followed by the traditional banquet.

CHARLES BYRON SPOFFORD, Deputy Grand Master, was promoted to the office of *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and FRANK DANA WOODBURY was elected Grand Recorder for the ensuing year.

The returns show 53 greeted during the year, 13 dimitted and 28 deaths. Present membership, 1,553.

OHIO.

1900.

The Seventy-first Session of the Grand Council of Ohio was held in Masonic Temple, city of Columbus, October 9, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM T. MCLEAN, Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM E. EVANS, Grand Recorder, with Representatives from 51 Subordinate Councils. *Ill.·.* ARTHUR P. CRANE, P. G. M., Grand Representative from California, being present.

The Grand Master reported that only one death had occurred among the Grand Officers, that of Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master DAVID P. CHAMBERLIN.

The Grand Master took a new and wise departure in the matter of visitations and inspection of Subordinate Councils. Instead of dividing the Jurisdiction into nine Arches, and appointing Grand Officers as Inspectors, he distributed the work among twenty-seven Companions known for their efficiency and zeal, reserving to himself the work of visiting a certain number of Councils. The result proved the wisdom of the plan. Another step in the right direction of creating interest in the work and emulation among Councils and visiting officials.

The report of the Grand Master concerning the status of the Rite in Ohio demonstrates the fact that visitation is the great lever to raise the Rite to the high position it should occupy in every Jurisdiction in the land. The result of the wise work in Ohio is a net gain in membership in the State of 392, with candidates still thronging the doors of the vaults.

The harmony prevailing in Ohio is such that the Grand Master was not called upon to render a single decision. The membership foots up the goodly number of 5,188, an increase in ten years of over 2,000. Ohio is to be congratulated in its magnificent showing. Let other and all Jurisdictions imitate her good example, and the result will be wonderful to the last degree. California should adopt this visitation system, reviving dormant Councils, instilling greater life and activity into the Rite generally, thus placing the Order upon the high and progressive plane its great merits entitle it to occupy. Action upon this line should be taken at once.

In the words of the Grand Master of Ohio: "I am more strongly convinced than ever that the custom of annual inspections is of the greatest benefit to Subordinate Councils, and with proper assistance from the Grand Council to Councils needing it, every Council in the Jurisdiction will be in a healthy condition, and will show awakened interest in the Rite."

The Committee on Correspondence quotes liberally from the Annual Address of Grand Master WACKERBARTH, which seems to have attracted the attention of thoughtful readers generally, *Ill.·.* Companion CUNNINGHAM, Chairman of the Committee, being an eminent representative of that class.

R.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM B. ANDERSON was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and WILLIAM B. EVANS was re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON.

1900.

The Fifteenth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Oregon was held at Masonic Hall, Albany, June 4, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* M. S. WOODCOCK, presiding; Seth L. POPE, Grand Recorder. There were present Representatives from four Subordinate Councils, Grand Recorder POPE representing the Grand Council of California.

The Grand Master, in his Annual Address, stated that nothing had occurred during the year to mar the harmony and fraternal good feeling existing among the Companions of the Jurisdiction, and that the most friendly and fraternal relations existed with sister Jurisdictions. That at different periods during the year he had granted four dispensations to *Washington* Council, No. 3, to receive petitions, ballot for and confer the degrees on seventeen candidates in all. Also, that dispensations for two new Councils had been granted during the year.

The net addition to the membership in Oregon for the year was twenty-one, which, the Grand Master confidently believed, would be increased the succeeding year. Present membership, 247.

He referred approvingly to the recommendation of Grand Master ROBERT ASH, of California, in the matter of making the Council Degrees pre-requisite to the Order of Knighthood, which, he said, showed how important those degrees are regarded.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN M. HODSON was elected Grand Master, and SETH L. POPE was re-elected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

1896–1900.

The published Proceedings of the Grand Council for five years are embraced in one report, that of 1900. We have reviewed the last only.

The Forty-first Annual Session of the Grand Council was held in Masonic Temple, Charleston, February 13, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* A. E. FUGLE, Grand Master, presiding; ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Grand Recorder. Representatives were present from five Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master reported that he had visited and resurrected two Councils, virtually dead, conferring the degrees upon nine candidates at the resurrection visits. In response to a special request, another visit was made, and three more candidates were greeted, and the future usefulness of the Councils was guaranteed.

Would it not be wise for Grand Masters in other States to start out on "resurrection" tours? If these visits were made general, the membership of the Cryptic Rite could be doubled in a few years. There seems to be a general revival of the Rite throughout the United States to an extent that is encouraging to the last degree.

The Grand Master recommended that the fee for the degrees be restored to ten dollars, and the per capita dues be fifty cents (same as California).

In closing his Address, the Grand Master urged the Companions to renewed zeal in the good work of advancing the Cryptic Rite, suggesting that the degrees be made precedent to the Orders of the Temple, remarking as follows :—

"Just as soon as one has been raised to the Sublime Degree of M. M., and before he has had time or opportunity to acquaint himself with its principles or its teachings, an application for the degrees conferred by the Chapter is placed before him, he receives the degrees, and on asking, 'What is the next step in Masonry?' he is told, 'The Council Degrees of Royal and Select Master'; but in too many instances this is accompanied with the further information 'that these degrees can be taken at any time"; that he can at once put in his application for the Orders of Knighthood, and thus these beautiful degrees are thrust into the background, the candidate left with an unfinished building, and the interest that has once been allowed to flag is but rarely revived."

He desired not to be misunderstood, or for one moment to detract from the impressive beauties of Knighthood, for they are simply grand, and beyond the conception of the uninitiated, and he loved them with all his heart.

Ill.·. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT is still continued the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of South Carolina, near the Grand Council of California.

M.·. Ill.·. ALBERT E. FUGLE was unanimously re-elected Grand Master, and ZIMMERMAN DAVIS was re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

1900.

The Fiftieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Tennessee was held in Masonic Temple, Nashville, January 29, 1900, T. W. CRUTCHER,

M.·. Ill.·. Grand Master, presiding; W. A. CLENDENING, Grand Recorder. Representatives were present from twelve of the twenty-one Active Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master's Address was very felicitous. Referring to our life-work, he said: "We meet, as Companions should, with the sincere desire that the World may be made better for our Order and our living. We are here to-day, with our shortcomings and imperfections, acknowledging that we have been remiss in many duties. The mission of our Brotherhood is so high and pure that no rude hand can tarnish its Courts or pull down its pillars. Blessed by GOD'S favor, these sacred Courts become the receptacles of friendships and ties which time cannot destroy. The love of money and the love of fame are taking possession of the hearts and lives of men, so that high and holy things are forgotten; the poor are neglected; the sick are not visited; the orphan goes unfed and unclothed. Companions, we must watch and pray, lest those great duties go unfulfilled. Let us remember that we are part of the great and mighty force which is surging against the selfish desires which so often dominate the human heart. To GOD let us be devoutly thankful for His gracious care in the past, and trust that He will watch and protect our glorious fraternity, and crown our lives with noble deeds."

Such gems of thought should not be confined to the circumscribed readers of Annual Proceedings. They deserve a more extended field; they should be immortalized with letters of lead in the adamantine rock.

No deaths were reported in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council for the preceding year.

The condition of the Rite was reported generally prosperous, harmony prevailing throughout the Jurisdiction, and nothing was presented to the Committee on Appeals for consideration.

The Grand Master recommended that the incoming *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master be empowered to suggest, at his earliest convenience, names for Grand Representatives to the several Grand Jurisdictions, that they may keep in touch with their respective Grand Bodies, which was concurred in.

ROBERT E. THOMAS was advanced to the office of *M.·. Ill.* Grand Master, and W. A. CLENDENING was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 1901.

Since writing the foregoing Review, we have received the Proceedings of the Grand Council of Tennessee, at its session, held at the same place, Monday, January 28, 1901, ROBERT E. THOMAS, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM A. CLENDENING, Grand Recorder, with Representatives from twelve Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master reported general harmony and a continuance of prosperity of the Rite throughout the Jurisdiction.

Under the resolution of the Grand Council, the Grand Master announced the appointment of Grand Representatives near the several Grand Councils of the United States; *Ill.·.* A. S. MYERS to represent the Grand Council of California near the Grand Council of Tennessee, and had issued a commission to *Ill.·.* H. S. ORME as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Tennessee near the Grand Council of California.

He recommended the usual appropriation of $25 to the Masonic Library Association, and the sum of $50 to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home Fund, which recommendations were adopted.

The returns showed a total membership of 542 in good standing, and 19 Subordinate Councils on the roll.

A memorial page, with a broken triangle, was set apart, recording the death of Past *M.·.* *Ill.·.* Grand Master GEORGE H. MORGAN, who departed this life July 27, 1900.

Ill.·. HENRY FLOWERS was promoted to the office of *M.·.* *Ill.·.* Grand Master, and WILLIAM A. CLENDENING was re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

1900.

The Forty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont was held in Masonic Temple, in the City of Burlington, on Tuesday, the 12th day of June, 1900, *M.·.* *Ill.·.* DANIEL PAYSON, Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM H. BREWSTER, Grand Recorder, with Representatives from eight Subordinate Councils out of nineteen on the roll.

The Address of the Grand Master was short, and devoted almost exclusively to business. In opening he remarked: "It is only when we pause for a moment that we realize we have passed another milestone in our Masonic journey of life. By the goodness of our Great Grand Master we are permitted to assemble here again on the shores of this beautiful lake (Champlain), in this our Forty-seventh Annual Assembly. To press fondly the hands of the true-hearted who have labored long in the Secret Vault, and bow again around our Sacred Altar."

Five dispensations were granted during the year to as many Councils to meet and act upon petitions for degrees.

He reported visiting and resurrecting former Council No. 9, which had been dormant for twelve years, installing the officers and conferring the degrees upon five candidates.

There were greeted during the year, thirty-one; affiliated, two; dimitted, eight; and died, twenty-one. Present membership, 1,188.

Ill.·. EDWIN B. TRUE was promoted to the office of *M.·.* *Ill.·.* Grand Master, and CHARLES L. ROBINSON was elected Grand Recorder.

MARSH O. PERKINS, Chairman of Correspondence Committee, labors under the belief that the movement in favor of making the Council Degrees pre-requisite to Knighthood will fail, because it has failed heretofore. All great reforms have had years of struggle before success crowned the efforts made. This may or may not fail — time will determine. Right is on the side of the movers, and right in the end will prevail.

As a son of the Green Mountain State, where I was made a Mason forty-three years ago, in *White Rock* Lodge, U. D.— now *Chipman*, if I mistake not — of Wallingford, a beautiful village in the Otter Creek Valley, from which I emigrated to California in the early spring of 1859, I have a warm and lasting remembrance of my Green Mountain home, as I have for the veteran members of my mother Lodge, few of whom remain. But I hope for a reunion when I shall go hence to sit me down in the Celestial Lodge above.

STATE OF WASHINGTON.

1900.

The Fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Washington was held at Tacoma, Monday, June 11, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* CARMI DIBBLE, Grand Master, presiding; EDWARD R. HARE, Grand Recorder. Representatives from six Subordinate Councils being present—every Council in the State being represented but one.

The Grand Master in his Annual Address remarked that "his official duties had been light, nothing of importance having arisen for his consideration; that only in one case had their ranks been broken by death"—an indication that Washington is a healthy State. The Address was short and pointed, occupying less than two pages of the printed report.

There appears to be perfect harmony in the Jurisdiction, the Grievance Committee having presented for consideration:—

> "Behold how good and pleasant it is
> For Companions to dwell together in unity."

Total number of Companions in 1899, 228; greeted, 44; admitted, 6. Present membership, April 30, 1900, 278.

The Grand Council of 1899 remitted the annual dues of Subordinate Councils, nevertheless there was reported a balance of cash in the Grand Treasury of $83.30 after paying the expenses of the present session.

The Grand Council adopted the report of the Finance Committee fixing the annual dues of Subordinate Councils at twenty-five cents for each member and one dollar for each candidate greeted, commencing from date of next fiscal year.

Rt.·. Ill.·. JOHN N. PRATHER was advanced to the office of *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and EDWARD R. HARE was re-elected Grand Recorder.

In the evening the members of the Grand Council attended in a body a Special Assembly of *Tacoma* Council, No. 1, when the Super-Excellent Master's Degree was conferred upon forty-six candidates, the work being done by the officers of *Seattle* Council, No. 6. After the work the officers partook of the traditional banquet and spent an hour around the festive board.

Grand Representative of Grand Council of Washington near the Grand Council of California, *Ill.·.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, Grand Recorder of California Grand Council.

REVIEW OF THE CRYPTIC RITE.

It will be interesting to the members of the Cryptic Rite who take an interest in the welfare and progress of the Order to read the following review, the collation of which I have made from the annual reports, assisted by the reviews of eminent Companions, Chairmen of the Committees on Correspondenc of the several Grand Councils, especially that of *Ill.·.* GEORGE W. WARVELLE, of Illinois, which I have brought up to date.

In taking a survey of the Cryptic field everything looks encouraging for a grand future of the Rite, and that it is destined in the next few years to take its place in the forefront of progressive Masonic Bodies, where it belongs, I have no doubt.

In many States where the Rite has been in a comatose state for many years, there has been of late a noted revival, which, if the visitation system is generally carried out, as indications now seem to warrant, a general revival will be the result all along the line, and hundreds of Councils now dormant will be resurrected and become flourishing Bodies of enthusiastic workers.

The historical question of antiquity I pass by without comment, believing it to be of a secondary consideration. It is of the present we have to deal, instead of re-arguing the disputed points of how or when the Rite took its place in the Masonic calendar. Its beauty and comeliness, the ancient historical events upon which it is founded, are all-sufficient, and upon that foundation I propose to let it rest, without tearing up its corner-stone with iconoclastic hands to gain possession of the ancient records therein deposited.

A survey of the Cryptic field discloses a general revival—not "camp-meeting" revival, but a steady advance and uplifting of the Rite. Massachusetts still holds the lead in respect to numerical strength, financial wealth, and zeal and energy in its administration. Its membership, as reported for 1899, was 6,191—a net gain over 1898 of 472.

Ohio stands next on the roll of honor, with a membership of 5,188—net gain over 1899 of 392.

Companion WARVELLE, of Illinois, places New York third in the list. The published Proceedings of 1900 fails to give the membership, therefore it is left in the order given; and as the Proceedings of Michigan for 1901 have not been received, it is taken for granted that its order of fourth in the list is correct.

Connecticut has a membership, as per Report for 1900, of 3,596—a gain of 164 for the year. These five Grand Councils are embraced in the first classification.

The second class comprises Illinois, with a membership of 2,766; Indiana, 2,828; Maine, 2,552.

The third class comprises Pennsylvania, with a membership of 1,846; New Hampshire, 1,542; Rhode Island, 1,355; California, 1,250; Vermont, 1,185.

The fourth class comprises Kentucky, 978; Missouri, 813; Kansas, 1,059; Minnesota, 667; Maryland, 671; Georgia, 528; Tennessee, 552; Mississippi, 794. (Companion WARVELLE had Mississippi in the fifth class, which I have changed to the fourth, where it belongs.)

The fifth class comprises New Jersey, 382; Colorado, 428; Arkansas, 235; Nebraska, 261; Washington, 278; Louisiana, 169; Oregon, 247; Indian Territory, 146.

Oregon and Indian Territory I have promoted from the sixth class and given them place in the fifth class, to which they are entitled.

In reference to Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and Wisconsin, Companion WARVELLE remarks as follows: "Florida died long ago, very long ago. It never had much life, was sickly from the start, but it did have a kind and devoted nurse in the person of the late Brother JOHN CARLOVITZ. Notwithstanding his protege was dead, he refused to believe it, and so for years he maintained the fiction of a Grand Council, getting out a leaflet at his own expense. In time this good and amiable man was himself removed by death, and with him, apparently, has been interred the remains of the defunct Council."

In case of the Grand Council of Wisconsin, Companion WARVELLE has this to remark:—

"Immediately upon our border lies a fair and populous commonwealth, my native State. I am assured that a Grand Council exists there. M. L. YOUNGS, of Milwaukee, has so informed me, and he would not deceive *me*, his fellow-countryman. Besides, I have a certificate from said Grand Council, wherein I am named as its Ambassador near the Grand Council of Illinois. I do not review Wisconsin, because nothing is sent to the Committee. I find the following in the last Report of my friend MORDHURST, of Indiana:—

"The writer had intended including a review of the Grand Council of Wisconsin in this Report, but a study of the minutes printed in connection with those of the Grand Chapter of that State show conclusively, to him, at least, that that Grand Council is a mere travesty, and he shall in the future, as he has in the past, ignore its existence, so far as his reports

to the Grand Council of Indiana are concerned. The original and legitimate Grand Council of Wisconsin, organized in 1857, went out of existence in 1878 by Chapter-merging — that is, the degrees were thereafter conferred 'in Councils pertinent to the Chapter,' the Chapter Officers also being the Council Officers. In 1881 these Chapter Officers met, none of them being Representative of Councils holding warrants from any recognized Cryptic authority, and formed a new Grand Council. And this is the Body which is the successor of the old legitimate Grand Council, and is eking out a very precarious existence by Chapter sufferance, the Chapter Officers even now acting as officers of the Council."

Of North Carolina, Companion WARVELLE has the following:—

"North Carolina died many years ago, during the epidemic known as the 'merger.' It remained dead for a long time, but about three years ago it assumed to come to life. As a matter of fact, it did not revive, for there was nothing to revive — not even a corpse. But a few well-intentioned brethren, out of the plenitude of their own power, organized a Body which they called a Grand Council, and thereupon they voted to 'unite' with the G. G. C. It wasn't often that a body 'ratified,' and when one could be induced to take that step, no very close scrutiny was made with respect to its geneology. Well, now the scouts are out with glasses (binoculars) scouring the field for that Grand Council. Nothing has been heard of it or from it for two years, so we will simply label it as missing."

Nothing has been heard from Alabama since the early 90's, and it may be safely assumed that the Grand Council has been entombed for seven years or more.

The Grand Councils of the first class heretofore noted have a membership of 23,621
Those of the second class, a membership of 8,146
Those of the third class, a membership of 7,178
Those of the fourth class, a membership of 6,062
Those of the fifth class, a membership of 2,146

Total membership 47,153

This total will be largely increased by the full returns of 1900, and still a greater increase by the returns of 1901.

The New England States take the lead, Massachusetts alone equaling in number of members the combined membership of Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Washington, Maryland and New Jersey.

Connecticut has a membership equaling the total membership of Pennsylvania, California and Georgia.

Little Rhode Island has a membership exceeding the combined membership of Maryland and Minnesota.

It would seem that the atmosphere of New England—or its intelligence—is conducive to vigorous Cryptic growth.

The foregoing would lead to the conclusion that Cryptic prosperity is mainly confined to New England and a few States north of the Ohio

river. It will require wise reasoning to solve the problem of why this fact exists. It may be explained by stating the fact that in Massachusetts—the banner Jurisdiction—*every Council in the State was officially visited last year*. In addition to this, two special Assemblies of the Grand Council were held, for purposes of instruction—in striking contrast to the confessions of numerous Grand Masters, that the entire year was allowed to pass without a single visitation—and others confining their visits to one or two Subordinate Councils.

There are at the present date twenty-one Grand Councils working under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Council, and ten independent Grand Councils—taken from last year's report.

All proceedings of Grand Councils received up to date have been reviewed.

Courteously and fraternally submitted,

AMASA W. BISHOP,
Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

MASONIC DATES.

The following rules for discovering Masonic dates will be found useful to all Masons, for which purpose they are inserted as part of this Report:

1. To find the date of the Ancient Craft: Add 4000 to the Vulgar Era—thus: 1901 and 4000 are 5901.

2. To find the date of Royal Arch Masonry: Add 530 to the Vulgar Era—thus: 1901 and 530 are 2431.

3. To find the Royal and Select Masters' date: Add 1000 to the Vulgar Era—thus: 1901 and 1000 are 2901.

4. To find the Knights Templar date: Subtract 1118 from the Vulgar Era—thus: 1118 from 1901 is 783.

The following shows the date of the present year in all branches of the Order:

Year of Our Lord, A. D. 1901—Vulgar Era.
Year of Light, A. L. 5901—Ancient Craft Masonry.
Year of Discovery, A. L. 2431—Royal Arch Masonry.
Year of Deposit, A. Dep. 2901—Royal and Select Masters.
Year of the Order, A. O. 783—Knights Templar.

RETURNS

OF THE

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

A. D. 1901, A. Dep. 2901.

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL, No. 1.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

George Dunn, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Daniel Hyman, *Dep. Ill. Master*,
Thomas Joseph Hesson, *P. C. W.*,
William Monroe Petrie, *Treasurer*,
Edwin Glover, *Recorder*,
William Ohmer Girardy, *C. of Guard*,
George Albert Meister, *Conductor*,
Charles Alfred Carlson, *Steward*,
Cephas Charles Olney, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Monroe Petrie, *P. G. M.*,
John William Rock, *P. G. M.*,
Edwin Glover,
John Hurley,
William Hewson Davis,
Harry Ingham,
Richard Vaughan,
Richard Palmer Burr,
Alexander John Gardiner,
David Farr,
Louis Cyrus Schindler,
William Alexander January,
Charles Richard Goss,
James Elsworth Thompson,
George Dunn.

SELECT MASTERS:

Alderson, Richard
Alexander, Robert
Alltucker, Henry
Baker, Alfred Septimus
Baldwin, William Hedges
Barton, Charles Thomas
Bassett, William Walter
Baughman, Noble Henry
Bittancourt, Thomas Maria
Block, Maurice
Book, Franklin Weaver
Booth, Albert Porch

Boyd, John Walter
Bragg, Charles Lourin
Breuner, John
Breuner, Louis Frederick
Burchard, James Philo
Burgess, Alfred Llewellyn
Burnham, James Henry
Bush, George Thomson
Camp, James Glasby
Carroll, Edgar Barclay
Carroll, Harry Winans
Casselli, Ausono
Champlin, Nelson
Chapman, Bernard Henry
Chapman, George Warren
Chrisman, Elmer Judson
Church, William Smithers
Clark, George Harvey
Clark, Jerome Franklin
Clauss, John
Clemons, William Strong
Cohn, Edward Francis
Coolidge, Isaac Baldwin
Coppersmith, Michael Thomas
Cothrin, William Kip
Cox, Thomas Jones
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cuthbert, William Williams
Davis, James Gilliland
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Derman, George Louis
Dierssen, George Ernest August
Dixon, William Henry
Douglas, William Wallace
Dresbach, William
Dresher, Valentine
Dreyer, Rasmus Peter Nielsen
Eppinger, Herman
Ettlinger, Bernard
Fleming, Frank
Fox, Thomas
Foye, William Robinson Smith
Frahm, Claus
Frates, Frank
Frazer, Thomas
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Frommelt, Hugo
Gable, Harvey Clinton
Gagnon, Alfred
Gallatin, Albert
Gardner, Charles Francis
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew, Jr.
Gillis, Dougald Hall
Graham, Louis Edgar
Gray, Alexander Isaac
Gray, Arthur Irvine
Gruhler, John
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Mosheim Schumacher
Haynes, Edward
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, Wilbur March
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Heisen, Charles, Jr.
Heintzelman, Taylor Washington
Heitman, John Henry
Herzog, Philip
Hollister, Charles Edwin
Hollister, Dwight
Hoover, Benjamin Vanzandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Hubbs, Anthony
Huber, Julius
Ilgner, Charles William
Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Jackson, William Franklin
Jensen, Robert
Johnson, Frank Taylor
Johnson, Hiram Warren
Johnson, Philip
Johnston, Alfred J.

Johnston, William
Just, John Peter
Ketcham, Martin Alonzo
Kleinsorge, Henry Emil
Kleinsorge, Wm. Edward
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Knox, William Frederick
Lawson, Walter Brokaw
Leonard, Carl *A*
Levison, Jacob
Lightner, Bonus
Little, Christopher
Luce, John Coachman
Luhrs, Charles August
Lykins, Preston Lodwick
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McArthur, John
McCandless, George Lindley
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McEntyre, Dan Hugh
McGlashan, Charles Fayette
McKee, Edwin Hervey
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
McMarten, John Alexander
McMasters, James Curtin
Meister, August
Menke, Anton
Meyer, Johann Gerhard
Milliken, Theodore Jones
Mills, James Edgar
Molter, Jacob Philip
Morrison, James Mathew
Nathan, Samuel
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Noack, Charles John
Ochsner, John
O'Neil, James
Peck, Nelson Stanley
Peterson, William Frederick
Phipps, Charles Edward
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Platt, Philemon Eli
Putnam, George Prescott
Rego, Edward Sutherland
Reid, Thomas Barton
Robie, Ira C.
Scheunert, Carl Emil
Schmid, Emil
Schroth, John George
Scott, Thomas James
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Shonefelt, William Domer
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Thomas
Stanley, Leander
Stephenson, William Albert
Stevens, John Dickson
Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Steffens, Joseph
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Stoll, Benjamin Franklin
Sweany, John
Teichart, Adolph
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
Vermilya, Abram John
Wachhorst, Eugene Stuart
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Weil, Edward Adolph
White, George Amos
Wiard, William Frederick
Wilder, Joel Osgood
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Woodburn, James
Woodward, George Allen
Wright, Charles Edward
Yardley, Herber Edward
Young, John Nelles
Young, Lamartine Wilson—209.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden — Webster, Joseph Richard—2

DIED:

Conoway, George Winfield — Dale, Richard
Cunningham, John Austin — Lemay, Victor—4

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report....198 — Suspended for N. P. D..... 2
Greeted..... 17—215. — Died 4
Now borne upon the roll...209—215.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Ascroft, *Th. Ill. Master*, — Albert Michael Wapple, *C. of Guards*,
Robert Ash, *Deputy Ill. Master*, — George William Bauer, *Conductor*,
George Penlington, *Prin. Con. of W.*, — Henry Nathaniel Hoffman, *Steward*,
Charles Lord Field, *Treasurer*, — Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Recorder*, — Geo. Washington Perkins, *Sentinel*,

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Thomas Kyle, *P. G. M.*, — George Penlington, *P. G. M.*,
Franklin Henry Day, *P. G. M.*, — Henry Ascroft, *P. G. M.*,
Charles Lord Field, *P. G. M.*, — Robert Ash, *P. G. M.*

SELECT MASTERS:

Abraham, Max — Baum, Simon
Aitken, John *R* — Benedict, Courtland Smith
Allen, Richard Spicer — Bingham, William Alexander
Andres, George Samuel — Birch, William Henry
Andrews, Thomas *P* — Black, Howard
Armstrong, George Robert — Blossom, Henry Eckford
Baker, Charles Henry — Bohls, Henry
Baldwin, Alfred Walton — Bone, Charles
Barclay, Robert Henry — Bonney, Charles Sumner
Bassett, Charles Follen — Bragg, Robert
Bauer, Adolph Charles — Broder, Robert Chidley
Bauer, Chris. John — Bromley, George Tisdale
Baum, David Andrew — Browell, Jeremiah

Brown, Henry Adams
Bruce, James Henderson
Brunings, John Henry
Bruns, Henry Frederick
Bullock, John Henry
Bunker, Robert Elmer
Callinan, William
Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Chapman, Edward Kirk
Chesley, Charles Palmer
Christian, Ceasar
Christie, James Alexander
Clark, George Dickson
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans
Cluness, William Ross
Code, Philip *D*
Conlisk, Charles William
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Cross, Charles Vernon
Daggett, John Randolph
Davies, Llewellyn
Davis, Burt Lincoln
Davis, Henry Harvey
Davis, Winfield Scott
Day, Thomas Henry
Dean, Peter
Decker, Charles William
De Guerre, Albert Sydney Johnston
Dietterle, George
Dobler, Charles
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dominguez, Richard Arthur
Doud, Aaron
Dougherty, Charles Medley
Dragomanovich, Spiro *S G*
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty
Dunn, James
Dunne, James Patrick
Durbrow, Ross Lewis
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Eddy, Richard *A*
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Elias, Edward
Elliot, Charles Emery
Ferguson, Phineas Fanning
Ferson, James Alfred
Fetz, Joseph, Jr.
Feudner, Martin Otto
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Foster, Arthur William
Fraser, John *P*
Frenzel, Erdman August
Frolich, Theodore
Gagnon, Michael
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Gehret, Frederick
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Getz, Marcus
Giles, Frederick *N*
Goldman, Max
Goodyear, Everett Farnum
Grauerholz, Henry John
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Haas, David Leopold
Hale, Reuben Brooks
Hall, Otho Norris
Hallett, Alonzo
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hare, Elias *C*
Harris, Thomas Voel
Hatch, James Henry
Hathorn, Ralph La Forest
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Hellwig, Christian
Highton, Henry Edward
Hobbs, John Kemble Carlton
Hopkins, Timothy
Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howes, Cyrus Pierce

Hromada, Adolph
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Huested, Orson Justus
Huff, William Henry Routin
Hutchings, Hiram Samuel
Iredale, Charles Winslow
Jellison, Benjamin Franklin
Jewett, George Albert
Johnson, Albert de Montfredy
Johnson, George
Jones, Edward Campbell
Jones, William Arthur
Jost, Charles
Jost, Charles, Jr.
Jost, William Rheinhard
Kelley, Michael John
Kent, Thaddeus Benning
Kern, Morris James
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Kimball, Roy Thurston
Kincaid, John Evans
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Knapp, Henry Hay
Koenig, Frank
Kohler, Henry
Kramer, Louis George
Krieg, Anton
Ladd, Frank Bacon
Landgrebe, Robert George
Law, Hartland
Lee, John, Jr.
Lent, Samuel Lancaster
Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Lippman, George *W*
Logan, Milburn Hill
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lucas, John William
Lucas, Walter Edward
Lyman, William Whittingham
Lynch, Henry Hudson
Lyon, William Henry
Manner, Charles Vogt
Manning, Horatio, Seymour
Marsh, John Alfred
McCarty, James
McMillan, Robert
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Meston, Robert
Metzner, Charles Francis
Meyer, Arthur
Montealegre, Carlos Francisco
Moore, Andrew
Morffew, Thomas
Morgan, Charles Augustus
Murdock, George Leonard
Murphy, Charles Henry
Myrson, Simon
Nagle, Richard Hamilton
Neuhaus, Christian Henry Fred.
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Newman, George Howard
Norcross, Daniel
Noteware, Edward Washington
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Osborn, Lamartine
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Parker, Theodore Roosevelt
Patton, Charles Lewis
Payne, Warren Ritch
Peck, Philip
Perkins, Samuel Henry
Perley, Albion Starbird
Phillips, William Rippard
Price, Thomas
Price, William Edmund
Prince, Henry Gilman
Reis, John O'Neal
Riley, John Francis
Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Ryan, Michael
Sabin, John Ira
Schetzel, Adolph Georg
Schmidt, Georg Wilhelm

Schmidt, Valentine
Schreiber, Martin August William
Scott, Henry Wilson
Seibel, Philipp
Seymour, Simon Harry
Siminoff, Morris
Smith, Lewis Warren
Smith, William Jacob
Soule, Arthur Calvin
Soule, William Lloyd Garrison
Spaulding, James Garfield
Speier, Bernard
Stallman, Charles Christian
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stephenson, Edward
Stockfleth, John
Stoddart, Augustus Wynne
Sumner, Frank William
Swain, Edward Robinson
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thompson, George
Thompson, George Howard
Tönningsen, John
Trebell, Thomas
Twomey, James
Van Bergen, Henry
Vanderhurst, William
Veen, Frank Joseph
Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alexander Barack
Walker, Robert Andrew
Ward, William
Warwick, James Blain
Welch, Willard Choate, Jr.,
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
Whitcomb, Frank Randolph
Wiley, George Adrian
Williams, George Henry
Willman, Alexander
Wilson, Charles Harold
Woodbury, Warren Dean
Woodside, Alexander
Young, Shirley Trever
Younger, William John—258.

RESTORED:

Bingham, William Alexander
Clifford, James Benjamin
Whitcomb, Frank Randolph—3

WITHDRAWN:

Bliss, Charles—1

DIED:

Anthony, Edward Taylor
Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Emery, Henry Tilton
Jeffers, Milo Sidney
Plummer, Cyrus Moody
Reynolds, William Thomas—6

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report...	241	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	21	Died	6
Restored	3—265.	Now borne upon the roll...	258—265.

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Alexander Cameron Irwin, *Th. Ill.M.*, James Fred Eastman, *Recorder*,
Wm. Andrew Lowrey, *Dep. Ill. M.*, Albert Julius Menz, *Capt. of Guards*,
Charles *E* Stone, *P. C. of Works*, John George MacLellan, *Conductor*,
Barnard Ross Boorman, *Treasurer*, Thomas Hugh Kernan, *Steward*,
Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Lemuel, Trescott Crane,
Frank *B* Miller,
William Andrew Lowrey,
Alexander Cameron Irwin.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Belcher, Richard
Berry, James McConnell
Brockman, John Henry
Burner, Henry
Buttelman, Frederick William
Carpenter, George Washington
Cohn, Isaac Giballe
Crew, Alexander Hill
Durfee, Joseph
Ellis, William Turner
Engel, Peter, Jr.,
Ewell, Samuel
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hauss, Ferdinand
Hochstadter, Simon
Hopkins, Allen Bruscup
Hutchins, Gavin Walker
Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Lewek, Solomon
Moore, Frank Thomas
Mould, William
Peacock, William Flint
Peck, William Francis
Price, Charles John
Rogers, Samuel Josiah Smith
Sanborn, Miles Edward
Schuler, Conrad
Sieber, Henry Frederick
Skinner, Randolph Whitney
Slingsby, William
Stafford, William Henry
Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Webb, Charles Augustus
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha—50.

RESTORED:

Webb, Charles Augustus—1

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Clements, William Andrew
Deaner, Samuel Christian
Duncan, John Lewis
Fagan, Edward
Fimbreath, Arthur Francis
Haynes, James
Hunter, William
Miller, Arthur Gardner
Saye, George Marion
Woodworth, Homer Allen—10

DIED:

Hapgood, Charles
Marcuse, Marcus
White, Amasa Willey—3

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	54	Suspended for N. P. D	10
Greeted	8	Died	3
Restored	1—63.	Now borne upon the roll	50—63.

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Frank Wilson Street, *Th. Ill. Master*, Charles Edward Street, *Recorder*,
Elisha Tolman Gould, *Dep. Ill. Mas.*, Crittenden Hampton, *C. of Guards*,
Eduard Keil, *Prin. Con. of Works*, Alonzo Colby, *Conductor*,
John Mundorf, *Treasurer*, Charles Henry Burden, *Steward*,
Abraham Barlow, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Eduard Keil,
Frank Wilson Street.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adair, Charles Francis
Barton, Eugene Hamilton
Eastman, William White
Eslick, Charles
Fontana, Charles Domenick
Hender, Thomas Arthur Stiles
Johns, Samuel Joseph
Johnson, Andrew Porter
Johnson, Peter
Knudsen, Nils Ladefoged
Koch, William Alexander
Lane, Thomas Travis
Littlefield, John Franklin
Long, Wilbur
Long, William Giles
Loring, William Joseph
Miller, Valentine William
More, Grant Starr
Morgan, John Stilwell, Jr.
Morgan, Frank Albert
Morgans, Morgan Philip
Morrison, John Chambers
Nicol, George Woodburn
Nuner, William Marble, Jr.
Oliver, Dew Rodger
O'Connell, John Henry
Patterson, Archibald
Preston, Howard Alvin
Raggio, Joseph
Ratz, Frederick Henry
Roberts, David E.
Shine, John Henry
Wells, Thomas Washington
Witney, John Lorin
Yossi, John Frederick—44.

EXCLUDED:

Sharwood, William—1

DIED:

Calhoun, Henry Clay—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....46	Excluded..... 1
	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll....44—46.

SHASTA COUNCIL, No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Morris Mehon, *Th. Ill. Master*, Adolphus Bystle, *Recorder*,
Jewett Scranton, *Deputy Ill. M.*, John Sale Strode, *C. of the Guards*,
John William Garden, *P. C. Works*, George Crone Strode, *Conductor*,
William Alexander Boswell, *Treas'r*, Benjamin McCrum, *Steward*,
Gunther Frederick Charles Schroter, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle, Albert Frederick Ross,
Adolph Dobrowsky, Morris Mehon.

SELECT MASTERS:

Andrews, William
Andrews, Alexander Robertson
Beard, John Samuel
Bell, Joseph Evans
Blossom, Robert Hurd
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus
Cahoone, William Brower
Fish, William Andrew
Gardner, Elias Dehaven
Hall, Joseph *N*
Hawkins, Divine Zacharias
Hunt, William Broderick
Jacobson, Charles
Kimball, Gorham Gates
Labonte, Francis Xavier
Lambson, Giles Hamman
Lowden, William Spencer
McCoy, Leo Lewis
Miller, Thomas Love
Murphy, Sylvanus Everett
Nichols, James Levin
Nicholson, Thomas Jamerson
Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Reynolds, John Edward
Richardson, James Lee
Ross, Herman Frederick
Rosland, Oscar *O*
Rowles, James
Satterlee, Frank Peck
Scott, John *V*
Scammon, James Freeman
Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Smith, Champion *W*
Sweeny, Edward
Teass, Chester James
Weil, Joseph
Wimmer, James Moses—49.

DIED:

Kellner, Wilhelm
Weil, David—2

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....51
Died 2
Now borne upon the roll .....49—51

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9.

Helena, Montana.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Booker, *Recorder*,
William McClatchey, *D. Ill. Master*, Francis Doremus Jones, *Capt. of G.*,
Joseph J. Hindson, *P. C. of W.*, Alfred Douglas Edgar, *Conductor*,
Michael Reinig, *Treasurer*, Jacob Longacre Walker, *Steward*,
William Dulin Smith, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornelius Hedges, Sr.,
Walter E. Frederick,
James W. Hathaway,
William McClatchey,
Henry M. Parchen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Cater, Charles *S*
Cook, Andrew B.
Cowden, Henry
Cummings, Pat W.
Featherman, James Benjamin
Featherman, John A.
Garrett, Clarence B.
Guthrie, Henry *H*
Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin *M*
Jackson, George Washington
Jones, Louis L.
Kirkendall, Thomas B.
Kleinschmidt, Theodore H.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
McCann, William Henry
Middlemas, David W.
Murphy, John
Neill, Edward D.
Nolan, Cornelius B.
Page, Clarence V.
Palmer, Alex. L.
Robinson, Jeremiah
Schwab, Samuel
Sederburg, Albert Vitalis
Sommers, Henry
Spalding, William Scott
Stewart, William Wallace
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Turton, John Booth
Walk, Walter W.
Wood, George R.—47.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Reese, Hugh
White, Charles Eugene—2

DIED:

Evans, Henry D. Weisenhorn, August—2

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....51
Suspended for N. P. D..... 2
Died 2
Now borne upon the roll.....47—51.

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Richards Hedges, *T. Ill. M.*, Geo. Alexander McKenzie, *Recorder*,
John Yardley, *D. Ill. Master*, Durrett Oliver Castle, *C. of Guards*,
Edward Elbridge Hood, *P. C. Works*, William Henry Stone, *Conductor*,
Henry Coffin Shaw, *Treasurer*, Francis Gaylord Hickox, *Steward*,
Charles Edward Howe, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies, Alexander Chalmers.
Edward Richards Hedges,

SELECT MASTERS:

Bachmann, Carl August
Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins
Beede, William Morris Stewart
Bennett, Paul Witherly
Blodgett, John Millard
Bransford, Edgar McDowell
Brown, Philip Thomas
Buckland, Leonard Harrison
Caine, John
Catts, George Elbert
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Cobb, Frank Dyckman
Cross, Samuel Nelson
Dalby, Samuel Price
Fraser, Philip Thomas
Friedberger, Arnold
Friedberger, Leo
Garwood, John
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
Harrison, William Bruce
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Henderson, Orrin Staples
Jory, John
Kennedy, Hallie Charles
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Lane, Frank Ellis
Langford, George William
Latta, Samuel Eikenbarry
Lorenz, William Henry
McCreary, Edward Davis
McLeod, John *H*
Miller, John Henry
Noble, Arthur Morgan
Norton, Charles Willis
Peterson, Richard Letcher
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robbins, Henry Ephriam
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Isaac Henry
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin

Russell, Richard William
Seeley, John Whitney
Shurtleff, George Augustus
Sink, Reuben Henry
Smith, James Webb
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Sperry, George Barker
Swain, Cornelius
Swain, Joseph Henry
Thompson, Edward Rees
Tindall, Pleasant Hay—63.

DIED:

Buell, Park Arbington
Cotterell, William
Cunningham, Thomas
Elliott, Lyman Weston
McKinnon, Angus—5

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....65
Greeted..... 3—68.
Died 5
Now borne upon the roll.....63—68.

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Joseph Martin Lawrance, *T. Ill. M.*, James Arthur Reid, *Recorder*,
Churchill Philips Guthrie, *D. Ill. M.*, Willis Millnor Dixon, *Capt. of G.*,
John Francis Hughes, *P. C. of W.*, Charles Edward Getchell, *Conductor*,
Walter Clements Durgin, *Treasurer*, James William Webster, *Steward*,
Edward Hall Miller, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme, *P. G. M.*,
Granville Quincy Stewart,
Robert Gilmore Cunningham,
Augnst Wackerbarth,
Julius Brousseau,
Wm. Byron Scarborough,
George Sinsabaugh,
David Munroe Sutherland.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Horace Bishop
Armstrong, George
Arnoldt, Herman
Aylsworth, George Webb
Bagby, Edwin Hanson
Bagley, Charles Leland
Baldwin, Cornelius Vanoy
Barrow, Thomas Martin
Beckett, Wesley Wilbur
Belcher, Harry Arthur
Bernard, Gustav Adolph George
Bicknell, John Dustin
Biescar, Henry
Bille, Marsello
Blackmer, Eli Tucker
Bliesner, William John

Bosbyshell, William
Bradbeer, James *H*
Bradish, Avery Jackson
Branch, John Franklin
Bresee, Phineas Wright
Brill, William
Brode, Alexander Charles
Brode, Walter Charles
Brodtbeck, Otto Walter
Brookman, Arthur
Brown, Charles Milton
Brown, John Alexander
Buchanan, James Alexander
Bulla, Robert Nelson
Bullis, Omri
Burns, Robert Wallace
Burr, Charles Martin
Burr, John
Campbell, Alfred Quincy
Campbell, John Mis
Cannon, John Stevens
Caswell, William Mitchell
Cave, Daniel
Chamberlain, William Edwin
Chase, Lucius Kurtz
Cline, William
Colbert, Patrick
Conradi, Simon
Courey, Nathaniel Parrish
Crawford, James Seth
Cummings, William George
Cunningham, Frank *R*
Cunningham, John Calvin
Davis, Harvey
Dornfield, Ferdinand Emil
Drain, John Hamilton
Drake, James Frederick
Drought, Robert
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry
Edwards, George Robert
Eichelberger, Harry Martin
Ennis, Charles *L*
Fairchild, John Anthony
Ferbert, John *C*
Field, Benjamin Franklin
Fiscus, Joseph
Flint, Frank Putnam
Folsom, Niles Rathbone
Fordham, Milton Cephas
Foshay, James *A*
Fraisher, Robert Love
Frary, Leander Warren
Fraser, Leonidas Polk
Garthside, Joseph Relton
Gaynor, William Henry
Gehrkens, William Henry
Geohegan, Harry
Glass, Henry
Goehring, John George
Gotthelf, David
Greene, Emery Taylor
Grubb, Oscar Edwin
Guthrie, Finis William
Habel, George Henry
Hamburger, Moses Asher
Hanselman, John Wesley
Hart, Alexander Hamilton
Hart, Frank John
Hart, George Alandson
Haskell, John Condit
Henderson, Andrew
Henderson, William Alexander
Henderson, William Hutchinson
Herr, George Frederick
Herron, Fred Irvine
Herron, Rufus Hills
Hervey, William Rhodes
Hiatt, William Macy
Hines, Fred Amos
Holland, Lauren Thomas
Howry, Charles DeForest
Hubbard, William Lewis
Illich, Gerolomo
Jacobi, Louis
Jones, John Taylor
Jones, Mark *G*
Jordan, Franklin
Jeffries, William Parrish

Jeffries, William Thomas
Keith, George Frank
Kemper, Singleton Thomas
Kingsley, John Amos
King, John
Kitchen, John Franklin
Knickerbocker, Niles
Krempel, John Paul
Lang, Fred Selwyn
Langdon, Frederick Sylvester
Leix, Frederick
Levy, Michael
Lloyd, Charles
Long, James William
Louis, Emanuel *J*
Lovett, William Watson
Ludlow, George Watson
Maier, Simon
Mart, Charles
Marx, Ralph Edwin
Martin, Julius Herbert
Masters, Robert Emmett
Matheson, John Luther
McAllister, Frank Allister
McAllister, James Pinkerton
McClurkin, William John
McComas, Charles
McFie, William Thomas
Mead, Charles Abiel
Medina, John Blancarte
Melczer, Joseph
Merrill, Joseph Lane
Merwin, Andrew Homer
Meserve, Frank Pierce
Meyer, Samuel
Miller, John McCalmont
Mitchell, Charles Edward
Moore, Thomas Edward
Morgan, Addison
Morgan, Oscar Crellin
Morgan, William Adams
Morris, John Wood
Morrison, Wm. Edward Domville
Mott, Albert Clark
Mueller, Oscar Charles
Murphy, Claire Warren
Murphy, Joseph Lannes
Murray, Alexander Wilson
Murray, John Emmett
Mussey, Nathaniel Dickson
Nightingale, John Henry
Off, John William Arnold
Owens, Madison Townsend
Paul, John Rink
Parker, Francis Marion
Pease, Niles
Pease, Sherman
Pendell, Charles Elisha
Perry, John Sargent
Pfaffinger, Frank Xavier
Pillsbury, George Eber
Porter, Lafayette Seward
Poundstone, Jacob
Powers, Edward Everett
Preston, Jasper Newton
Renfro, Alva D.
Rideout, William Andrew
Rockwell, Lorenzo Anson
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Rolfe, Horace Cowen
Rossiter, John Gormley
Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Rule, Ferd Kennett
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Santee, Milton
Scheerer, Conrad
Schmidt, Fred Wilhelm Theodore
Schuler, Louis Herman
Sexton, Charles Wesley
Skyrme, George Washington
Smith, Charles Alton
Smith, Everett Russell
Smith, Henry Augustus
Smith, Melvin David
Spence, William Glenn
Spinks, Wallace Humphrey
Stephens, Wm. Dennison
Storrow, Samuel

Strassburg, Edward
Strohm, Thomas
Suits, Elihu Daniel
Talmage, James Clark
Thayer, Joseph Harriot
Thompson, Chester Weaver
Thompson, Omer Cones
Thomson, Robert Mossman
Tuttle, Victor Hugo
Uhl, George
Urmston, John Kreck
Valiant, George Francis
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Varcoe, George
Variel, Robert Henry Fauntleroy
Vawter, Edwin James
Vetter, Louis Fisher
Vignolo, Ambrogio
Wade, Robert David
Walker, Daniel Henry
Watson, George Samuel
Weber, John
Weidner, Peter
Wheeler, Horace Marcellus
Wheeler, Emanuel Randolph
Willett, Charles Joseph
Williams, Romayne
Willis, Frank Rominar
Wood, Charles Modini
Yarnell, Caleb Amos
Young, John William
Youngworth, Leo Valtus—242.

RESTORED:

Valiant, George Francis—1

WITHDRAWN:

Baker, Frederick William
Burson, George Washington
Burson, Willis
Denison, David Rhodes
Giddings, Herbert Alonzo
Hardy, Albert Perham
Lincoln, Willis Philip
McGuire, William
Robinson, Richard Owen
Starkweather, George Albert
Whitson, Levi Henry—11

DIED:

Jacobs, Lewis
Polaski, Lewis
Ward, Trowbridge Hyer—3

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	208	Withdrawn	11
Greeted	45	Died	3
Affiliated	2	Now borne upon the roll	242—256.
Restored	1—256.		

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, fifth Thursday of months having five Thursdays.

OFFICERS:

George Henry Smith, *Th. Ill. M.*, Amasa Wright Bishop, *Recorder*,
Chas. Herbert Cowell, *Dep. Ill. M.*, Charles Herbert Wever, *Capt. of G.*,
Edward Harrison Morgan, *P. C. W.*, George W. Baxley, *Conductor*,
William Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*, Frank Reeves Woolsey, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett,
James Bestor Merritt,
William Frank Pierce,
Edward Harrison Morgan,
Webb Nicholson Pierce,
Edwin Allen Sherman,
Eugene Carmeny,
William Clay Smith,
Robert Edgar,
Amasa Wright Bishop,
Augustus Lewis Ott,
Damien Edmont Fortin,
Albert H. Merritt,
John Alexander Britton,
Edward Constant Robinson.

SELECT MASTERS:

Aiken, Ilio R.
Avery, Mark Herbert
Badger, Thomas Norman
Bahls, Richard
Bates, Joseph Clement
Beckwith, John A.
Bell, Harmon
Bice, John
Bilger, Frank William
Bradley, John Tilford
Breed, Arthur Hastings
Brown, Lewis Henry
Browne, Henry Rosekrans
Brunner, Henry Ernest
Bullock, Richard Steele
Burrell, Alfred William
Cahill, Patrick
Clark, William Amir
Corder, Arthur Elmer
Cozzens, Arthur Eugene
Crellin, Thomas Arthur
Crooks, John Chisholm
Crossman, William Thomas
Cushing, Frank Worthy
Dailey, William Curtis
Dalton, Henry Philip
Davis, Lucien Dwight
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
Douglass, Charles Henry
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Ely, Ralph Asahel
Emerson, Harry Wylie
Emigh, Thomas Powell
Evans, Robert Griffith
Evers, John Henry
Foster, Newell Kelley
French, Robert Ellsworth
Friend, Roger Benjamin
Fulton, William
Gilbert, Ethan Allen
Gilpin, Zachary Taylor
Gompertz, Walter Alexander
Goodman, George
Graham, Francis Elmer
Granger, Farley Benjamin
Grau, Edward Arnold
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gregory, Calvin Levi
Gunn, Adam Francis
Hahn, Henry Casper
Hamilton, William Thomas
Handy, Brayton Everington
Hansen, Albert Lauritz
Hawes, Benjamin Cowell
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Heeseman, Charles J.
Hewes, Charles Leslie
Hewes, Charles Wesley
Hill, Otis
Holmgren, John Alexander
Hopper, John Frederick E.
Hume, William Robert
Hunt, Charles Melville
Jackson, Alton Cass
Kales, Martin William

Keiser, Chris
Kendall, Alpheus
Knowland, Joseph
Knowland, Joseph Alexander
Knowles, Edwin H.
Koser, Newton Alexander
Lancaster, Americus V.
Leach, Abraham Powell
Lord, Carlos Reuben
Manuel, Walter Griswold
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Martin, Henry Vassel
Martin, John
Mauzy, Byron
May, Henry
McClymonds, John William
McNulty, Harry James
Meek, Harry Wert
Meek, Rudolph Wallace
Meek, William Ellsworth
Meredith, James Washington
Metcalf, George Dixon
Michaels, Henry
Miller, Thomas Irving
Minor, Robert
Morris, Moses
Nordman, Peter
Nutting, Charles Wilber
O'Donnell, Francis Henry E.
Ohea, George Harvey
Owen, William Henry Searls
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall
Payne, George Henry
Peterson, Anders
Phillips, John Waterman
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Randall, Charles Wells
Robbins, Henry Russell
Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Sansom, John A.
Schleuter, Herman F.
Scott, John Walter
Slater, Urates Mayer
Smith, Graham
Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Spreckels, Richard
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Taylor, James Howard
Thomas, Charles Frank
Tuttle, Hiram Sinclair
Volmer, Rudolph
Vorhees, Fred Duane
Walker, Percy John
Wall, Joseph George
Walsh, Edward Marion
Watson, Franklin Greenwald
Webster, Leander Rankin
Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Werner, Edward Peter
Whipple, Edwin
Whitmore, Welles
Wight, Frederick Gordon
Williams, John
Williamson, Willard Forsyth
Woodin, Eugene
Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablowsky, John—155.

RESTORED:

Crooks, John Chisholm—1

DIED:

Hale, William Elmer
Twombly, Charles Henry—2

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	115	Died	2
Greeted	38	Now borne upon the roll	155—157.
Affiliated	3		
Restored	1—157.		

GATEWAY COUNCIL, No. 13.

Auburn, Placer County.

Stated meetings, third Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Gould Bisbee, *Th. Ill. Master*, David Wlademer Lubeck, *Recorder*,
John M. Fulweiler, *Dep. Ill. Master*, Alexander K. Robinson, *C. of Guards*,
William Albert Crowell, *Prin. C. W.*, Jonathan Fulton, *Conductor*,
John Chisholm, *Treasurer*, Alfred Lovell Smith, *Steward*,
William Craig Anderson, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Jacob Hart Neff, John Gould Bisbee.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ackerman, Francis Marion
Ahlborn, Charles Joseph H.
Akers, Charles Duval
Anderson, Albert Wallace
Bell, Joseph Vincent
Brown, Edward Doyle
Chappellet, Felix, Jr.
Coffin, Isaac Tibbetts
Coombs, William
Cowan, Gordon Robinson
Curtis, Henry Chittenden
Davis, Frederick Calvin
Delano, Ira Lemuel
Disque, Henry
Duggan, Charles Martin
Gladding, Albert James
Haenny, John
Hawk, Elbridge Lafayette
House, John Lorin
Jansen, Walter
Kendall, Edward John
Lardner, William Branson
Laurence, Daniel Mack
Linninger, Michael David
Mardis, Benjamin Allen
Martin, Charles
May, William Isaac
McAninch, John
McAulay, George
Michael, Martin
Nicholls, William, Jr.
Pemberton, George Francis
Powers, Amos Mathews
Roberts, Robert William
Rooney, Robert Fleming
Safford, John Coleman
Smith, Benjamin Franklin
Sparks, William Martin
Stevens, Amos
Stevens, Frederick Solon
Stevenson, Thomas
Todd, Thomas Milton
Woodard, John Carlton—53.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....32
Greeted 20
Affiliated..... 1—53.
Now borne upon the roll.....53.

SANTA ANA COUNCIL, No. 14.

Santa Ana, Orange County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Deane Wilder, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Akerman Whidden, *Recorder*,
Edwin Dumont Buss, *Dep. Ill. M'ter*, Max Reinhaus, *Captain of Guards*,
Walter Maxwell Scott, *Prin. C. W.*, James William King, *Conductor*,
Robert Francis Chilton, *Treasurer*, Eugene Tewksbury Lee, *Steward*,
Mervin Newton Whitney, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

James William Towner. James Hedges Hall.

SELECT MASTERS:

Balcom, Balys Greenwood
Ball, Charles Dexter
Bisby, Robert Lee
Bowers, Addison Crockett
Bundy, Milton John
Buck, John Henry
Burke, Orin Harry
Clark, George Crook
Coltrin, Amador Francis
Conn, Frederick
Deyoe, Frederick Theodore
Diers, Henry
Dryer, John Lewis
Edleman, Charles
Fairbanks, Harlan
Frampton, George Reed
Gamble, Austin Abram
Gildmacher, Joseph
Greeley, John Philip
Griffith, George Whitefield, Jr.
Harding, Foster William
Haywood, John Saxton
Hill, Samuel
Holgate, Schofield
Lovett, Charles Edward
Lutz, William Frederick
Medlock, James Randolph
Menges, Marion Albert
McCarric, Franklin
Paine, James Robert
Preble, George Edward
Reinhaus, Julius
Richardson, Erwin Ellsworth
Royer, Daniel Franklin
Small, Lucien
Toothaker, George Dexter
Trudo, Edward
Upham, Harry George
Wood, William Bell—50.

RESTORED:

Fairbanks, Harlan—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....36
Greeted.....13
Restored..... 1—50.

Now borne upon the roll.....50.

VENTURA COUNCII, No. 15.

Ventura, Ventura County.

Stated Meetings, Tuesday after Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Albert Perham Hardy, *Th. Ill. M'ter*, Geo. Albert Starkweather, *Recorder*,
Frederick Wm. Baker, *Dep. Ill. M'ter*, David Rhodes Denison, *Capt. of G.*,
Richard Owen Robinson, *Prin. C. W.*, Willis Philip Lincoln, *Conductor*,
Herbert Alvaro Giddings, *Treasurer*, William McGuire, *Steward*,
Willis Burson, *Sentinel*.

SELECT MASTERS:

Burson, George Washington	Engstrom, Frans. Otto
Blackstock, Nehemiah	Gosnell, Truman Barrick
Butcher, William Preston	Kilson, George Elmer
Carr, Phelitus Sprague	Neel, Henra Harrison
Collins, John Stevenson	Power, George Coffin
Cook, George	Rice, Thomas Alexander
Day, James Allen	Thompson, Mark
Ely, Martin Juda	Turner, William Henry—25.

RECAPITULATION:

Charter members.....12	Now borne upon the roll.....25.
Greeted .....13—25.	

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council June 26, A. Dep. 2860.

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS, ... *Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ... *Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Grand Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOHN ASHBY TUTT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*LOUIS COHN, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Grand Master;*
*LOUIS COHN, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1868.

*Joseph Isaacs,.....*Grand Master;*
Frederick Ferdinand Barss,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*William Franklin Knox,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Stephen Wing,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

Frederick Ferdinand Barss,.....*Grand Master;*
*Stephen Wing,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*Leonard Goss,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Thomas Kyle,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

*Stephen Wing,.....*Grand Master;*
Thomas Kyle,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

Thomas Kyle,.....*Grand Master;*
William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

*William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Grand Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Edmund Taylor Wilkins,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Wm. Monroe Petrie,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
William Monroe Petrie,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Master;*
William Monroe Petrie,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Edward Richards Hedges,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Master;*
*EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works*

1879.

*EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARD HEDGES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works*

1886.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1891.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ...*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1892.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1893.

*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1894.

GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1895.

CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, ...*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1896.

WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1897.

HENRY ASCROFT, ...*Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1898.

ROBERT ASH, ... *Grand Master;*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JACOB HART NEFF, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1899.

AUGUST WACKERBARTH, ... *Grand Master;*
JACOB HART NEFF, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WM. B. SCARBOROUGH, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1900.

JACOB HART NEFF, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM B. SCARBOROUGH, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
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Masonic Temple,

SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTICE.

The Forty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the fourteenth day of April, A. D. 1902, Anno Dep. 2902, at 10 o'clock A. M.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,

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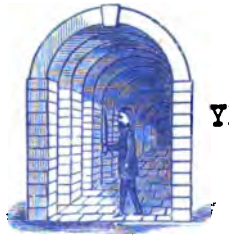

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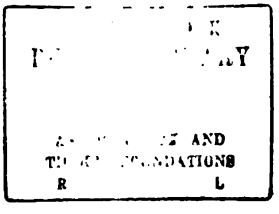
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FOR THE

Year Commencing April, A. D. 1902, A. Dep. 2902.

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R.·. I.·. JAMES HEDGES HALL{GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL}...*Santa Ana*

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GENERAL GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

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OF THE

UNITED STATES,

1900-1903.

WILLIAM H. MAYO, St. Louis, Mo.....*General Grand Master*

ANDREW P. SWANSTROM, St. Paul, Minn....*General Grand Deputy Master*

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HENRY W. MORDHURST, Fort Wayne, Ind.....*General Grand Recorder*

[redacted].....*General Grand Chaplain*

GRAFF M. ACKLIN, Toledo, Ohio.....*General Grand Captain of Guard*

J. ALBERT BLAKE, Boston, Mass. ...*General Grand Conductor of Council*

EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, Ellsworth, Kansas.....*General Grand Marshal*

GEORGE A. NEWELL, Medina, N. Y.....*General Grand Steward*

NELSON WILLIAMS, Hamilton, Ohio.....*General Grand Sentinel*

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California commenced its Forty-Second Annual Assembly at Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, Monday, the fourteenth day of April, A. D. 1902, A. Dep. 2902, at ten o'clock A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following:

M.·. Ill.·. WM. BYRON SCARBOROUGH.....*Grand Master;*
R.·. Ill.·. JOHN GOULD BISBEE.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
R.·. Ill.·. ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*
R.·. Ill.·. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY.....*Grand Treasurer;*
R.·. Ill.·. WM. ABRAHAM DAVIES.....*Grand Recorder;*
R.·. Ill.·. THOMAS KYLE.....*Grand Chaplain;*
R.·. Ill.·. DAVID M. SUTHERLAND.....*Grand Captain of the Guards;*
R.·. Ill.·. EDUARD KEIL.....*Grand Conductor of the Council;*
R.·. Ill.·. JAMES HEDGES HALL.....*Grand Steward;*
Ill.·. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER.....*Grand Organist;*
Ill.·. CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT.....*Grand Sentinel.*

PAST GRAND MASTERS:

M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,
M.·. Ill.·. THOMAS KYLE,
M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,
M.·. Ill.·. EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,
M.·. Ill.·. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,

PAST GRAND MASTERS:

M.·. Ill.·. GEORGE PENLINGTON,
M.·. Ill.·. CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,
M.·. Ill.·. ROBERT ASH,
M.·. Ill.·. HENRY ASCROFT,
M.·. Ill.·. AUGUST WACKERBARTH.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS:

M.·. I.·. CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT.....Connecticut
M.·. I.·. AMASA W. BISHOP.....England and Wales
M.·. I.·. WILLIAM BYRON SCARBOROUGH.....Illinois
M.·. I.·. DAVID M. SUTHERLAND.....Indiana and Mississippi
M.·. I.·. ALBERT H. MERRITT.....Iowa
M.·. I.·. THOMAS KYLE.....Kentucky
M.·. I.·. AUGUST WACKERBARTH.....Louisiana
M.·. I.·. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY.....Massachusetts
M.·. I.·. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE.....Michigan
M.·. I.·. JOHN GOULD BISBEE.....Minnesota
M.·. I.·. GEORGE PENLINGTON.....Missouri
M.·. I.·. EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES...New Hampshire and Pennsylvania
M.·. I.·. JOHN FRANCIS HUGHES.....North Carolina
M.·. I.·. JAMES HEDGES HALL.....Ohio
M.·. I.·. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES.....Vermont
M.·. I.·. DAVID WLADEMER LUBECK.....Washington

And the following Officers and Representatives of the Councils named:—

Sacramento, No. 1, ..	WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, Past Th. Ill. Master.	
California, ...No. 2, ..	HENRY ASCROFT, Thrice Ill. Master; THOMAS KYLE, FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, GEORGE PENLINGTON, HENRY ASCROFT,	P. Th. Ill. Masters.
Marysville, .. No. 3, ..	ALEXANDER CAMERON IRWIN, Th. Ill. Master and Past Th. Ill. Master.	
Sonora, ...No. 5, ..	EDUARD KEIL, Principal Conductor of Works and Past Thrice Ill. Master.	
Shasta, ...No. 6, ..	JOHN WILLIAM GARDEN, Prin. Con. of Works.	
Helena, ... No. 9, ..	Not represented.	
Stockton, ... No. 10, ..	WILLIAM A. DAVIES, EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES	P. Th. Ill. Masters

Los Angeles,..No. 11,.. { JOHN FRANCIS HUGHES, Thrice Ill. Master; WILLIS MILNER DIXON, Dep. Ill. Master; AUGUST WACKERBARTH, WM. BYRON SCARBOROUGH, DAVID MONROE SUTHERLAND, } Past Thrice Ill. Masters.

Oakland,....No. 12,.. { CHAS. EDWIN GILLETT, AMASA WRIGHT BISHOP, ALBERT H. MERRITT, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Gateway,....No. 13,.. { WM. ALBERT CROWELL, Prin. Con. of Works; JACOB HART NEFF, JOHN GOULD BISBEE, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Santa Ana,..No. 14,. { JAMES HEDGES HALL, Past Th. Ill. Master.

Ventura,....No. 15,.. { Not represented.

Pasadena,...U. D.,.. { CHAS. JOSEPH WILLETT, Th. Ill. Master. GEO. W. SKYRME, Past Th. Ill. Master.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

On Credentials.

Ill.·. Comps. HENRY ASCROFT,
AUGUST WACKERBARTH,
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES.

Who reported, after a brief recess, the roll-call as correct, and that there was a quorum present.

On Jurisprudence.

Ill.·. Comps. GEORGE PENLINGTON,
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,
AUGUST WACKERBARTH.

On Appeals and Grievances.

Ill.·. Comps. ALBERT H. MERRITT,
DAVID M. SUTHERLAND,
WILLIAM A. CROWELL.

On Finance and Returns.

Ill.·. Comps. EDUARD KEIL,
JOHN FRANCIS HUGHES,
JOHN GOULD BISBEE.

On New Councils.

Ill.·. Comps. JAMES H. HALL,
JOHN G. BISBEE,
AMASA W. BISHOP.

The Grand Master then delivered his Address, as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Illustrious Companions of the Grand Council of California:

Through the favor of Jehovah, our Supreme Grand Master, before whom we bow in grateful acknowledgment for all the blessings of life, we are again permitted to assemble in this sacred retreat to inspect the work of the past and to draw our designs upon the trestle-board whereby the craft may pursue their labors for another year.

I have great honor and much pleasure, Illustrious Companions, in extending you a cordial welcome to this the Forty-second Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of California.

Companions, as Masons our first duty is to

OUR GOD.

"Let us around our altar circle,
And offer up the prayer,
That thus before Jehovah kneeling
We find Immanuel there."

We owe to Him who holds our destiny in his hand the tribute of our grateful devotion that the life of every officer of this Grand Body has been precious in His sight during the past year. Let us earnestly invoke his divine guidance at this time and lift up our fervent petitions that He may be pleased to vouchsafe us such wisdom to contrive, and love to adorn, that all our labor shall redound to His honor and glory and to the best interest of our beloved Fraternity.

As Masons we delight to pay our tribute of love and duty to

OUR COUNTRY.

"You cannot chain the eagle,
You dare not harm the dove;
Every gate that's barred to hate
Will open wide to love."

Liberty is perfect obedience to perfect law.

Love is self-impartation.

Liberty and love are the keynotes of our time-honored Order, as well as of our American institutions.

Liberty and love are inspired within us by the very air we breathe, and we should all be grateful to God that our lots have been cast in this goodly land and in this goodly age.

The Statue of Liberty, silently guarding the entrance to New York harbor, is a constant reminder to voyagers from the far East that the inhabitants of this New World are a liberty-loving people; and may that statue from henceforth indicate unmistakably to those who seek shelter under its goodly dome, and have not liberty and love in their hearts, that they are not wanted here.

Masonry is the avowed enemy of anarchy and misrule, and we, as Masons, should do all in our power to assist in ridding this loved country of ours—this "land of the free and home of the brave"—of that hydra-headed demon anarchy, which so ruthlessly deprived our Order of a beloved brother, and deprived seventy millions of people of their Chief Magistrate.

"Since all the varying scenes of time
God's watchful eye surveys,
Oh, who so wise to choose our lot,
Or to appoint our ways?"

Companions, since last we met, an appalling calamity has befallen the American people, engulfing them in its sorrow and gloom.

For the third time in the history of this great nation, and within the memory of many here present, our President was made the victim of an assassin's bullet.

The death of WILLIAM MCKINLEY drew, in loving sympathy, the entire citizenship of this Republic around his bier, as one sorrow-stricken family. He was a Knight Templar, but had not advanced to the Ninth Arch, and though a passive Mason, he exemplified in his life that principle of brotherly love which brings people nearer together in sentiment and in sympathy, and the spirit of justice and truth which should pervade all human action.

We honor the late President of these United States for his magnificent contribution of brotherly love, cementing the divided sections of our North and South lands, and almost at one fell stroke blotting out the imaginary "Mason and Dixon's line." We honor the late WILLIAM MCKINLEY for his devotion to his aged mother and his invalid wife.

We honor our late brother, WILLIAM MCKINLEY, for his devotion to the principles of our Fraternity.

The best and most enduring monument that can be erected to his memory will be American hearts and American homes, as full of love and tenderness as was his heart and his home at Canton before the assassin's bullet was fired.

OUR PRESIDENT—OUR BROTHER.

"Rest from thy labor, rest,
Soul of the just, set free;
Blest be thy memory, and blest
Thy bright example be."

Though not a member of our beloved Cryptic Rite, he was a brother in the other York Rite Bodies of Masonry, and the Chief Magistrate of our beloved country. I therefore recommend that this Grand Council adopt suitable resolutions of respect to his memory.

Companions, we owe a loving tribute to

OUR DEAD.

"Cold in the dust their perished hearts may lie,
But that which warmed them once shall never die."

But three deaths in the membership of this Grand Council have been reported—Past Thrice Illustrious Masters ADOLPH DOBROWSKY, of *Shasta* Council, No. 6; JOSEPH MARTIN LAWRANCE, of *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, and CHURCHILL PHILLIPS GUTHRIE, Dep. Ill. Master of *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11.

The following loved Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction have passed through the

"Gate of death into eternal refreshment and rest."

Sacramento Council, No. 1.

Bernard H. Chapman	Jerome F. Clark
William Dresback	Henry C. Gable
John Gruhler	John Peter Just
Leander Stanley	John Dickson Stevens

California Council, No. 2.

William Henry Birch	Charles Palmer Chesley
Peter Dean	Aaron Doud
Henry Hay Knapp	William Ward

Shasta Council, No. 6.

Alexander Robinson Andrews	Herman Frederick Ross

Los Angeles Council, No. 11.

George Robert Edwards	Charles L. Ennis
Milton Santee	Ralph Edwin Marks
Thos. Edwin Rowan	

Oakland Council, No. 12.

Arthur Sadley Woodward	Joseph Geo. Wall

Gateway Council, No. 13.

John Chisholm.

Our Sister Grand Jurisdictions report the following deaths during the past year:

Connecticut.—Most Illustrious Arthur R. Blakeslee, Past Grand Master, died February 10, 1902.

Georgia.—Most Illustrious Henry C. Burr, Past Grand Master, died March 17, 1901.

Illinois.—Most Illustrious Frederick C. Winslow, Past Grand Master, died October 10, 1901.

Iowa.—Most Illustrious Theodore S. Parvin, Past Grand Master, died June 28, 1901.

Kansas.—Right Illustrious George S. Evarts, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of *Zabud Council*, No. 4, of Kansas, died at Topeka, July 4, 1901. He was a Past Grand Principal Conductor of the Works of Connecticut.

Louisiana.—Right Illustrious John A. Stevenson, Past Grand Captain of the Guard, died April 4, 1901; Right Illustrious James W. Davis, Past Captain of the Guard, died November 29, 1901.

Maine.—Right Illustrious William Tucker, Past Deputy Grand Master, died September 4, 1901.

Massachusetts.—Most Illustrious George W. Bentley, who was Grand Master in 1861, died June 5, 1901.

Minnesota.—Most Illustrious John C. Terry, Past Grand Master, died February 15, 1902.

Michigan.—Most Illustrious Lloyd B. Hess, Past Grand Master, died June 10, 1901; and Most Illustrious George H. Stephenson, Past Grand Master, died September 27, 1901.

Mississippi.—Right Illustrious William Starling, Past Deputy Grand Master, died September 10, 1900; and Right Illustrious John Logan Power, Grand Recorder from 1871 to date of death, September 24, 1901.

New Hampshire.—Illustrious Joseph W. Heldleth, died December 2, 1901.

Nebraska.—Most Illustrious James Gilbert, Past Grand Master, died December 31, 1900; and Right Illustrious James W. Moore, Past Grand Treasurer, died August 2, 1901.

New York.—Illustrious David F. Day, Past Thrice Illustrious Master and Grand Trustee, died August 12, 1900; Right Illustrious Edwin J. Barrett, died August 4, 1901; and Most Illustrious John F. Baldwin, Past Grand Master, died March 13, 1901.

Ohio.—Right Puissant John W. Chamberlain, Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Council, died August 11, 1901.

Pennsylvania.—Most Illustrious Christian F. Knapp, Past Grand Master, died April 11, 1901.

Rhode Island.—Most Illustrious Edwin Baker, Past Grand Master, died May 15, 1901.

South Carolina.—Most Illustrious F. T. Wilhite, Past Grand Master, died February, 1901; and Right Illustrious S. P. H. Elwell, Grand Chaplain, died February, 1901.

Tennessee.—Most Illustrious George H. Morgan, Past Grand Master, died July 12, 1900; and Most Illustrious Wm. S. Matthews, Past Grand Master, died November 2, 1901.

Vermont.—Most Illustrious Frederick S. Fisher, Past Grand Master, died March 13, 1901.

Washington.—Most Illustrious Elijah M. Beatty, Most Puissant Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council, died in Tacoma, July 13, 1901.

Washington, D. C.—Illustrious William R. Singleton died February 23, 1901.

I recommend that the Committee on Obituaries present suitable tributes to the memory of the illustrious dead, both of this and our Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

New Jersey.—Having been informed by *M.·. I.·.* JOHN M. KNAPP, Past Grand Master and Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of New Jersey, of the great loss to the Masonic Fraternity by the terrible fire in Patterson, February 10, 1902, destroying the entire property of seven Lodges, two Chapters, one Council, and one Commandery, I recommend that this Grand Council express its sympathy for the Fraternity in Patterson, New Jersey, on account of their loss of property and homes.

REPRESENTATIVES.

At the request of the Most Illustrious Grand Masters of the respective Grand Jurisdictions, I have issued commissions to the following Illustrious Companions: WM. N. PENNELL, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; ARTHUR P. CRANE, of Toledo, Ohio; A. A. POSEY, of Aberdeen, Mississippi; EDWARD M. WOODWARD, of Boston, Massachusetts, and WM. H. NOYVIS, of Manchester, Iowa, authorizing them to act as the Representatives of the Grand Council of California, near their respective Grand Councils; and I recommend the appointment of the following Companions as Representatives of other Grand Councils near this Grand Body: JAMES DEAN WILDER, of Tustin, California, for Wisconsin; AMASA W. BISHOP, of Oakland, California, for England and Wales; ALBERT H. MERRITT, of Oakland, California, for Iowa; DAVID M. SUTHERLAND, of Los Angeles, California, for Mississippi and Indiana; JOHN F. HUGHES, of Los Angeles, California, for North Carolina; JAMES H. HALL, of Santa Ana, California, for Ohio, and THOMAS FLINT, SR., of San Juan, California, for Rhode Island.

DISPENSATIONS.

On December 6, 1901, I granted a dispensation to ten petitioners, Royal and Select Masters, to open and hold a Council at Pasadena, to be called *Pasadena* Council. The Council was opened for work on March 19th under very promising auspices. The officers of this Council are well known and of high Masonic standing, and from the specimens of their work exhibited on that occasion, I confidently predict that the baby Council will soon excel many of its older sisters. The records of this Council have been submitted to this Grand Body, with its petition for a charter, and I heartily recommend that it be granted.

BY-LAWS.

On May 31, 1901, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Oakland* Council, No. 12, changing the date of its Stated Assembly, which, I learn, has been beneficial to that Council.

I have made no decisions, and have much pleasure in reporting that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction.

VISITATIONS.

On May 14, 1901, in company with *M.·. I.·.* AUGUST WACKERBARTH, Past Grand Master, *R.·. I.·.* D. M. SUTHERLAND, Grand Captain of the Guard, and other companions of *Los Angeles* Council, I constituted *Ventura* Council, No. 15, and installed its officers.

On June 4, 1901, in company with *M.·. I.·.* HENRY S. ORME, and AUGUST WACKERBARTH, Past Grand Masters, *R.·. I.·.* D. M. SUTHERLAND, Grand Captain of the Guard, and JAMES H. HALL, Grand Steward, I visited *Los Angeles* Council No. 11, and witnessed the splendid rendition of the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees on a class of eleven. *T.·. I.·. M.·.* JOSEPH M. LAWRANCE (since deceased) and his able corps of officers, showed themselves Masters of the Work, and a large number of visitors, as well as members, enjoyed the customary hospitality around the social board.

This Council pursues the commendable practice of having work at each Stated Assembly, and I have enjoyed being present at every meeting. On August 20, 1901, with *R.·. I.·.* JAMES H. HALL, Grand Steward snd several companions of *Los Angeles* Council, I visited *Santa Ana* Council, No. 14. The work was well done on a class of eight, by *T.·. Ill.·.* Master JAMES D. WILDER and his excellent support.

The Santa Ana Companions are adepts in hospitality and sociability, and they excelled themselves in both on this occasion, when the Council was called from labor and refreshment. On September 30, 1901, I visited the Mother of Councils in California—*Sacramento* No. 1—in its first work of the year. *M.·. I.·.* W. M. PETRIE and W. H. DAVIS, Past Grand Masters, were present. The work was well rendered on a class of three.

The prolonged absence of the *T.·. I.·.* Master and the *D.·. I.·.* Master being actively engaged in Chapter work, seemed barriers to greater results in this Council.

The "feast of reason and the flow of soul" which followed the work made the occasion one long to be remembered. On October 2, 1901, I visited *California* Council, No. 2, and for the first time in my life saw the work conferred by a Council whose first five officers were Past Grand Masters.

The work was exceptionally well rendered in all three of the Cryptic Degrees, and could not fail to make a profound impression on the class of nine. There were present *M.·. Ill.·.* THOMAS KYLE, FRANKLIN H. DAY, JACOB H. NEFF, GEORGE PENLINGTON, CHARLES L. FIELD and ROBERT ASH, Past Grand Masters. *M.·. Ill.·.* HENRY ASCROFT, Past Grand Master, and his splendid support of Past Grand Masters, deserve much credit for their zeal.

The reception and banquet tendered the Grand Master at the close of the work, on the fifteenth floor of the Call Building, was elegant, and made a mile-post along the pathway of my life, the memory of which will always be pleasant.

On October 7, 1901, with *M.·. I.·.* HENRY ASCROFT, Past Grand Master, and many Companions of *California* and *Los Angeles* Councils, I visited *Oakland* Council, No. 12. *M.·. I.·.* CHARLES E. GILLETT, Past Grand Master and our present Grand Sentinel, also *R.·. I.·.* ALBERT H. MERRITT, Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, were there. The Royal and Select Masters' Degrees were conferred very creditably, indeed, on a class of six. The Companions were generous in their courtesy, and the banquet provided in honor of the Representative of this Grand Council was sumptuous.

On November, 19, 1901, I visited *Shasta* Council, No. 6. Arriving at Redding in a hard rain, I was met by Companions ADOLPHUS BYSTLE, Recorder EDWARD SWEENY, and several others. We drove through a torrent of rain over the mountains seven miles to the historic "forty-nine" mining town, Shasta. The windows of heaven seemed to be open and the rain descended in sheets, but those Companions were not to be deterred by Jupiter Pluvius, and quite a number were present, giving abundant evidence of their love for Masonry. I firmly believe that *no* other Council in the State would have thought it possible to convene under the circumstances. The work was well rendered on three candidates, and the good cheer at the bountiful feast that followed, with the music of the rain as an accompaniment, closed an evening your Grand Master will never forget. *M.·. I.·.* DANIEL P. BYSTLE, Past Grand Master, was present.

I trust that this Council may soon remove to Redding, where most of its membership live, and from which all its support is drawn.

On November 20, 1901, I visited *Stockton* Council, No. 10, and despite the rain a goodly number were there. *M.·. I.·.* E. R. HEDGES, Past Grand Master, and for the past twenty-seven years *T.·. I.·.* Master, is known to be a "drawing card," and maintained his reputation on this occasion, as *M.·. I.·.* HENRY ASCROFT, GEORGE PENLINGTON and FRANKLIN H. DAY, Past Grand Masters, and *I.·.* SAMUEL D. MAYER, Grand Organist, came from San Francisco to be present at this assembly. The work of all three degrees was very creditably rendered on a class of five, the music of the Grand Organist adding much to the impression made on the candidates.

On December 2, 1901, with the assistance of *R.·. I.·.* D. M. SUTHERLAND, Grand Captain of the Guard, I installed the officers of *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, the retiring *T.·. I.·.* Master, JOSEPH M. LAWRANCE, being present for his last time.

On March 19, 1902, in company with *R.·. I.·.* D. M. SUTHERLAND, Grand Captain of the Guard; *M.·. I.·.* AUGUST WACKERBARTH, Past Grand Master; *T.·. I.·.* Master JOHN F. HUGHES, and twenty-five Companions of *Los Angeles* Council, I visited *Pasadena* Council, U. D. The work was well rendered on a class of thirteen—a number which betokens its success.

I tried several times to secure an engagement for a visit to *Marysville*, *Sonora*, *Gateway* and *Helena* Councils, but was unsuccessful. The returns show that 164 were greeted during the year, 53 of which were by *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11.

At our last Grand Assembly a resolution was adopted authorizing the Grand Master to appoint Deputy Grand Lecturers for the several districts, upon the recommendation of our Grand Lecturer. Owing to the absence of the latter from the State, I thought that I would familiarize myself with the entire Jurisdiction by a personal visit to each Council, and would be glad to be able to report to this Grand Body that I had visited all. I believe that a visit from the Grand Master will give an impetus that nothing else can, but in all the summer months the most of our Councils are at rest, and all have their stated Assemblies at such times as preclude the possibility of visiting all without considerable expense and loss of time. I trust on the return of our Grand Lecturer the resolution will be enforced.

Companions, I am deeply sensible of the high honor you did me in elevating me to this responsible position. I have done what I could, but not what I hoped, to further the interest of Cryptic Masonry, and on this my twenty-fifth anniversary in the Secret Vault I return you this emblem of power. I owe a debt of gratitude for courtesies shown me wherever I have gone—to so many that special mention would be tedious—but must thank publicly our Grand Recorder, *M.·. I.·.* WM. A. DAVIES, and *I.·.* Companion A. W. BISHOP, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, for assistance rendered; also *M.·. I.·.* HENRY ASCROFT and the officers of *California* Council, No. 2, for consenting to exemplify the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters at this Grand Assembly.

PREREQUISITE.

I would that these beautiful Cryptic Degrees were made prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood. I trust that their importance as the key to the York Rite—without them the system is incomplete—may be so impressed upon the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar by the combined influence of the several Grand Jurisdictions of Cryptic Masonry, that all may be compelled to receive them. Until then, Companions, let us regard them as prerequisite.

RELIGION.

The language of the first Ancient Land Mark is as follows:

"A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the Moral Law; and if he rightly understands the Art, he will never be a stupid Atheist nor an irreligious libertine. In ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country, or nation. But it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree —to be good men and true—men of honor and honesty."

Masonry is not a religion, but a science of Morality. The contemplation of the Divine character, the human character, and the immortality of the soul, are the doctrines which constitute the Philosophy of Masonry —symbolized by Faith, Hope and Charity.

No man is a Mason at heart who does not believe these doctrines, together with a belief in our "Great Light"—"the rule and guide of our faith and practice." Masonry has always been the handmaid of religion. No man can be truly religious further than he is moral. A man must be of lawful age, freeborn, sound mentally and physically, and well recommended, to become a Mason.

Masonry is, therefore, too restrictive in its requirements to be termed a religion. But its system of morality is so perfect as to make it an able defender of that religion which requires a belief and trust in God—a belief in and obedience to the truths contained in the "Book of the Law," and the immortality of the soul of such as thus believe. To such *only* as believe and practice the precepts taught in the earthly Lodge are promised the reward of admission into the Heavenly Lodge.

We frequently hear it said: "Masonry is religion enough for me." Such men are too often heard profaning the name of God and breaking many of the commandments of the Moral Law. Such men generally disobey the first cardinal virtue, "temperance," and lead others into the same maelstrom.

Companions, there is too much profanity and intemperance practiced by Masons. It is time to call a halt in these flagrant violations of our tenets and teachings. The wages of operative Masons were corn, wine and oil, beautifully symbolized, but the wages of a speculative Mason is divine truth, symbolized by our search for the word. The man who lives

up to the teachings of Masonry is necessarily a good man. He who comes nearest to that perfection is the most religious man. Let us be true to our convictions of right and duty, and endeavor to our utmost to exemplify in our lives the profound moral precepts of

OUR ORDER.

Would we be active, potent agents for the defense of its sublime teachings? Then let us practice Charity or Love toward each other; let us cherish the hope of our immortality in the life to come, and walk in the Faith of our "Great Light in Masonry."

In the name of our glorious historic past; in the name of our ancient honorable and noble fraternity; in the name of our country—ours by nativity or adoption—this beautiful land of liberty and brotherly love; in the name of our Sovereign Grand Master of the Heavenly Grand Council, whose name and nature is Love, and before whom all true Masons hope to appear, I entreat you, my Companions, that we fight persistently against every ill that menaces the honor of manhood, the fidelity and integrity of Masonic brotherhood, the purity and virtue of womanhood, and the fair name and fame of our National motherhood.

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. SCARBOROUGH, *Grand Master.*

Which was referred by the Deputy Grand Master to Comps. AUGUST WACKERBARTH, FRANKLIN H. DAY and GEORGE PENLINGTON.

The Grand Representatives present reported the condition and progress of Cryptic Masonry in the respective Jurisdictions represented by them. They were then thanked by the Grand Master for their attendance and interest in Cryptic Masonry and seated with the Grand Honors.

A communication was received from Comp. WILDER, Representative of the Grand Council of Wisconsin, which was read by the Grand Recorder and ordered published in the Proceedings. It read as follows:

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council of California:

The Forty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Wisconsin was held in Kilbourn Masonic Hall, in the City of Milwaukee, on Tuesday, the 18th day of February, 1902, with *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM N. PENNELL, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Com. W. W. PERRY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the meeting.

From lack of information in not receiving the printed proceedings of the Assembly, I can only say that from correspondence with the Grand Recorder I judge the Cryptic Rite has shown a material increase in this Grand Jurisdiction in the last year.

Time has dealt gently with those to whom their companions have shown preferment, and I have no deaths to report.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES DEAN WILDER,
Representative Grand Council of Wisconsin.

Comp. AMASA W. BISHOP presented his Report on Correspondence, which was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings of the session.

The Grand Recorder then read his Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Returns:

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of California:

I submit herewith my report of the transactions of the Grand Recorder's office for the year ending with the meeting of the present convocation of the Grand Council, together with an account of the receipts and expenditures for the same period and a summary of the work done by the several Constituent Councils.

The Journals of Proceedings of the Forty-first Annual Assembly were issued as soon as delivered by the printer and distributed as heretofore ordered by the Grand Council, viz.: one copy to each Grand and Past Grand Officer, one to each of our Representatives near other Grand Councils, three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each of our Constituent Councils.

Commissions have been issued to Illustrious Companions William N. Pennell, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Arthur P. Crane, of Toledo, Ohio; A. A. Posey, of Aberdeen, Mississippi; Edward M. Woodward, of Boston, Massachusetts, and W. H. Novvis, of Manchester, Iowa, to represent the Grand Council of California near their respective Grand Councils.

Commissions have been received from the following Jurisdictions, naming Illustrious Companions of our own kindred and brethren to represent their interests near the Grand Council of California: From the Earl of Euston, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales, appointing *Ill.·.* Companion Amasa Wright Bishop, of Oakland, to represent the interests of that Grand Council near the Grand Council of California; from the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master of Wisconsin, appointing *Ill.·.* Companion James Dean Wilder, of Tustin, to represent the Grand Council of Wisconsin near the Grand Council of California; from the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master of Iowa, appointing *Ill.·.* Companion Albert H. Merritt, of Oakland, to represent the Grand Council of Iowa near the Grand Council of California; from the

M.·. Ill.·. Grand Master of Indiana, appointing *Ill.·.* Companion David M. Sutherland, of Los Angeles, to represent the Grand Council of Indiana near the Grand Council of California; from the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master of North Carolina, appointing *Ill.·.* Companion John Francis Hughes to represent the interests of that Grand Council near the Grand Council of California; from the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master of Ohio, appointing *Ill.·.* Companion James Hedges Hall to represent that Grand Council near the Grand Council of California; from the Grand Master of Rhode Island, appointing *Ill.·.* Companion Thomas Flint, Sr., to represent that Grand Council near the Grand Council of California; from the Grand Master of Mississippi, appointing *Ill.·.* Companion David M. Sutherland to represent that Grand Council near the Grand Council of California, and from the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master of Illinois, reappointing the *M.·. Ill.·.* Wm. B. Scarborough the representative of the Grand Council of Illinois near this Grand Body.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence has been received from the Chairman, *Ill.·.* Companion Amasa W. Bishop, and is ready for distribution.

Immediately upon the close of the last Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, *Ventura* Council received its charter as ordered, in due time was constituted, and registered as No. 15 on the roll of the Grand Council.

On December 6, 1901, the Grand Master issued his dispensation for the forming and opening of *Pasadena* Council of Royal and Select Masters, located at Pasadena, Los Angeles County. The Council is an applicant for a charter at the present Assembly.

The receipts of Grand Council for the year ending with the commencement of this Annual Assembly have been as follows:

Sacramento	Council, No.	1	$105 00
California	" "	2	146 00
Marysville	" "	3	24 50
Sonora	" "	5	34 50
Shasta	" "	6	27 50
Helena	" "	9	24 50
Stockton	" "	10	52 00
Los Angeles	" "	11	192 00
Oakland	" "	12	130 00
Gateway	" "	13	26 50
Santa Ana	" "	14	43 00
Ventura	" "	15	12 50
Pasadena	"	U. D	23 00
			$841 00
Ventura Council, charter fee			20 00
Pasadena Council, dispensation			15 00
			$876 00

Number of Councils		13
Number making returns		13
Greeted	164	
Affiliated	14	
		178
Withdrawn	24	
Excluded	7	
Suspended for non-payment of dues	11	
Died	27	
		66
Net gain		106
Total membership January 31, 1902		1,354

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
Grand Recorder.

The following Report was received and presented:

To the Grand Council of California:

Your committee, appointed at the last Annual Session to make inquiry about the closing up against our use of the adjoining room to the Grand Recorder's office, whereby the dimensions of that office are seriously curtailed, making it inconvenient to transact the business of the Grand Council in connection with the associate bodies, beg leave to report:

That from interviews with the Secretary of the Grand Lodge and the members of the Masonic Hall Association, or rather the Trustees, the chairman learned that the parties who closed the connecting doors, thus shutting off the joint occupancy of the library room, claim that the Grand Lodge is the lessee of the premises; that the Council, Chapter and Commandery are simply tenants at will, with rights of occupancy no longer than it pleases the representatives of the Grand Lodge to tolerate them as tenants.

The Masonic Hall Association seeming to concur in this view of the situation, your committee sees no remedy for the aggrieved tenants except to provide themselves with other quarters.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT ASH,
Chairman of Committee.

April 10, 1902.

The report was adopted and the committee continued, with instructions to act with the committees of Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery in obtaining new accommodations for the Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer then presented his annual report, as follows, which was also referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer since the last Annual Assembly:

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Council R. & S. M. of California:—

1900.								
April 15.	To balance cash on hand							$ 784 63
1901.								
Feb. 1.	To received from Grand Recorder						$ 59 50	
" 13.	"	"	"	"	"	"	631 75	
Mch. 10.	"	"	"	"	"	"	149 25	
Apl. 7.	"	"	"	"	"	"	35 50	
	Receipts							876 00
1901.								$1,660 63
Apl.	By paid WILLIAM B SCARBOROUGH, appropriation to M.·. I.·. Grand Master for account visitations, Voucher No. 1						$156 00	
	" paid CHARLES E. GILLETT, services as Grand Sentinel, Voucher No. 2						7 50	
	" paid SAMUEL D. MAYER, services as Grand Organist, Voucher No. 3						7 50	
	" paid AMASA W. BISHOP, services as chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Voucher No. 4						50 00	
	" paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, dues to General Grand Council, Voucher No. 5						6 00	
	" paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, for expenses Grand Recorder's office, Vouchers Nos. 6, 7, 11 and 12						41 75	
	" paid GEO. SPAULDING & Co., printing proceedings Grand Council of 1901, Voucher No. 8.						250 00	
	" paid JAMES B. MERRITT, printing Installation Service, Voucher No. 9						13 00	
	" paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, salary as Grand Recorder, Vouchers Nos. 10 and 13						125 00	
	Disbursements							656 75
1902.								
April 14.	Balance cash on hand							$1,003 88

All which is respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on New Councils made the following report:

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:

Your Committee on New Councils respectfully report: We find the books and records of *Pasadena* Council, U. D., to be correct, and recommend that a charter be issued to said Council, with the name of *Pasadena* Council, and numbered on the Grand Council Registry as No. 16.

JAMES H. HALL,
JOHN G. BISBEE,
A. W. BISHOP,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts reported as follows:

We have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, with the accompanying vouchers, and find them correct in every particular.

The cash balance on hand being $1,003.88, we recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

For salary of Grand Recorder	$125 00
" " " " Sentinel	7 50
" " " " Organist	7 50
" Committee on Correspondence	50 00
" Contingent expenses of Grand Recorder	25 00
" Printing Proceedings	200 00
" Grand Master's visitation expenses	150 00
	$565 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDUARD KEIL,
JOHN F. HUGHES,
JOHN G. BISBEE,
Committee.

The Committee on the Address of the Grand Master reported as follows:

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, respectfully suggest that as the address is lengthy and the time in which to scan it limited, the review must necessarily be superficial and not thorough.

We desire, however, to commend the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master for the zeal manifested in the discharge of his official duty, and recommend that

his official acts in the appointment of Representatives near other Grand Jurisdictions, and his suggestions of Companions to represent other Grand Councils near this Grand Body, also the granting a dispensation to *Pasadena* Council, and approving an amendment to the By-Laws of *Oakland* Council, No. 12, be approved.

We recommend that so much of the address as refers to the illustrious dead be referred to a committee of three; and in reference to the loss sustained by the craft in Patterson, N. J., we suggest that the Grand Recorder be instructed to express to those unfortunate Companions the heartfelt sympathy of the members of this Grand Council.

We take pleasure in concurring in his representations of the condition of Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction, and join with him in the prediction of increased interest being manifested in the future.

His peroration at the close of his address, so far as it relates to profanity and intemperance, meets with our hearty concurrence.

All which is respectfully submitted,

AUGUST WACKERBARTH,
GEO. PENLINGTON,
FRANKLIN H. DAY.
Committee.

The address was concurred in, and its recommendations adopted.

Comp. GEO. PENLINGTON, chairman of Committee on Jurisprudence, reported no business before that committee, and Comp. ALBERT H. MERRITT, chairman of Appeals and Grievances, made the same report.

The Grand Council called off to 1:30 P. M.

Grand Council met pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Master presiding.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being the special order, the Grand Master appointed Comps. AMASA W. BISHOP and AUGUST WACKERBARTH as Tellers, and the Grand Council proceeded to ballot.

M.·. I.·. JOHN GOULD BISBEE was elected Grand Master.

R.·. I.·. ALBERT H. MERRITT was elected Deputy Grand Master.

R.·. I.·. DAVID M. SUTHERLAND was elected Prin. Cond. of the Work.

R.·. I.·. FRANKLIN H. DAY was elected Grand Treasurer.
R.·. I.·. WM. A. DAVIES was elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

HENRY ASCROFT, Grand Lecturer.
THOMAS KYLE, Grand Chaplain.
EDUARD KEIL, Grand Captain of the Guards.
JAMES HEDGES HALL, Grand Conductor.
CHARLES J. WILLETT, Grand Steward.
SAMUEL D. MAYER, Grand Organist.
CHARLES E. GILLETT, Grand Guard.

The Grand Master named as Committee on Correspondence, Companion AMASA W. BISHOP.

The Grand Master named as Committee on Necrology, *I.·.* Companions HENRY ASCROFT, GEORGE PENLINGTON and FRANKLIN H. DAY.

At the Forty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council the following resolution was adopted:

***Resolved*, That one or more of the Cryptic Degrees be exemplified at each succeeding session of this Grand Council under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, the degree to be exemplified to be optional with that officer.**

The Grand Master announced that, in accordance with that action, the Cryptic Degrees would be exemplified this evening by *Ill.·.* Comp. HENRY ASCROFT in California Council, No. 2, and invited all Royal and Select Masters to be present.

The Grand Master requested the Committee on Necrology to prepare and present their report to the Grand Recorder in time for its publication in the proceedings of the session.

M.·. I.·. Companion FRANKLIN HENRY DAY called the attention of the Grand Council to the severe illness of several of our elders among the Companions of the Jurisdiction—members of our own tribes and families—notably our veteran Past Grand High Priests CHARLES FAYETTE LOTT and HIRAM THROOP GRAVES, as also our Past Grand Master THOMAS KYLE, and he presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That we trust our Most Excellent Companions may be restored to health, that their usefulness may continue yet many years with their Companions in the Masonic household, and may our Heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom, grant this our prayer.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

The officers elected and appointed for the ensuing Masonic year were then installed in their respective stations by *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master WILLIAM BYRON SCARBOROUGH, assisted by Past Grand Master HENRY ASCROFT as Master of the Ceremonies.

The business of the Annual Assembly having been completed, the minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Council closed in Ample Form at 4:30 P. M., with prayer by the Grand Chaplain and the singing of the Doxology by the members thereof.

A true copy of the Proceedings of the Forty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, held in the City of San Francisco, April 14, 1902, and of the year of Deposit 2902.

Witness my signature, with the seal of our Grand Council, and the attestation thereunto of our Grand Recorder.

JOHN GOULD BISBEE,
Grand Master.

Attest:

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
Grand Recorder.

APPENDICES.

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NECROLOGY

Death is active in our land. He sleeps not. His banner is on every hill. We avoid his blows for a time, but finally submit.

"If we would be kindly remembered
When life's fitful fever is o'er,
We should not be harsh in our judgment
Of those who have passed on before.
Let the mantle of Charity cover
The memory of those who have fled;
Forget and forgive every failing—
Speak nothing but good of the dead."

Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons of California

OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
SAN JOSE, February 15, 1902.

To the Royal Arch Masons of California, Officers of Chapters and Grand Chapters in Fraternal Correspondence:

COMPANIONS—It is with profound sorrow that I announce the death of our beloved *M.·. E.·.* Companion

HENRY HAY KNAPP,

Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California.

At the close of St. John's Day, December 26, 1901, with but a few hours' premonition, our friend and Companion passed from all earthly cares into the presence of the Heavenly Grand Council, where the Supreme High Priest of the Universe presides.

He was born in the town of Spofford, Onondago County, New York, July 26, 1832, and died at Napa, December 27, 1901—lacking seven months of the prescribed three score and ten years.

Our departed brother was made a Mason in *Adrian* Lodge, Michigan, July 12, 1854. He affiliated here, on his permanent location in California, with *Yount* Lodge, No. 12, and was its Master for six years. He was Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1885.

He received the Capitular degrees, and was a charter member of *Napa* Chapter, No. 30, May 9, 1862, and officiated as its first Captain of the Host.

He received the Order of High Priesthood October 14, 1865. He was greeted as a Royal and Select Master in *California* Council, No. 2, June 20, 1868.

He received the Chivalric Orders of the Order of the Red Cross and the Orders of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, May 21st

and 28th respectively, in the year 1875, and was a charter member of *Napa* Commandery, No. 34, a Past Eminent Commander, and an active and leading member of that organization up to the day of his death.

In all these fraternal relations our dead Companion was a devoted and intelligent worker. As a citizen he was above reproach—true to his country and trusted by his fellow-men. A devoted husband and Christian gentleman has been called to his reward. We may cherish his memory, and, as Masons, place before the world with pride his upright character, his reputation, his usefulness, his charity, and devotion to duty, as incentives to honorable ambition by the young men of the present and future generations.

The funeral ceremonies were held at his late residence in the beautiful City of Napa on the last day of the year and the century, December 31, 1901. He was buried by the Grand Lodge, of which he was Junior Grand Warden in 1885, the *M.·. W.·.* WILLIAM S. WELLS, Grand Master, and the *V.·. W.·.* GEORGE JOHNSON, Grand Secretary, being in attendance. The burial service was delivered by the Grand Master at the grave.

The procession was escorted by *Napa* Commandery, No. 34, Past Grand Master JAMES B. STEVENS, a life-long friend of our departed Companion, commanding, and as the procession wound its way through the quiet streets to Napa's "City of the Dead," the day seemed in sympathy with the bereaved family and our dead Companion's associations.

The Grand Commandery was represented by *R.·. E.·.* GEORGE B. MCKEE, Grand Commander, and Past Grand Commanders Governor NEFF, DAVIES and WAGNER.

The Grand Chapter was represented by the *M.·. E.·.* Grand High Priest, SAMUEL H. WAGNER, and Past Grand High Priests WILLIAM A. DAVIES, JACOB H. NEFF, EDWARD COLEMAN and FRANKLIN H. DAY.

The day was a beautiful one, consoling to family and friends that Nature's smiles should accompany the remains of our beloved Companion until the last drawing of the veil between his earthly home and the Great Beyond.

SAMUEL HOPKINS WAGENER,
Grand High Priest.

WM. A. DAVIES,
Grand Secretary.

Our Grand Jurisdiction mourns the loss of two veteran *T.·. Ill.·.* Masters ADOLPH DOBROWSKY and JOSEPH MARTIN LAWRANCE, and our constituent Councils have lost from their rolls the following *Ill.·.* Companions:

Sacramento Council, No. 1:

Comp. BERNARD HENRY CHAPMAN,
" JEROME FRANKLIN CLARK,
" WILLIAM DRESBACK,
" HARVEY CLINTON GABLE,
" JOHN GRUHLER,
" JOHN PETER JUST,
" LEANDER STANLEY,
" JOHN DICKSON STEVENS.

California Council, No. 2:

Comp. WILLIAM HENRY BIRCH,
" CHARLES PALMER CHESLEY,
" PETER DEAN,
" AARON DOUD,
" HENRY HAY KNAPP.

Shasta Council, No. 6:

Comp. ADOLPH DOBROWSKY,
" ALEXANDER ROBINSON ANDREWS,
" HERMAN FREDERICK ROSS.

Los Angeles Council, No. 11:

Comp. JOSEPH MARTIN LAWRANCE,
" GEORGE ROBERT EDWARDS,
" CHARLES L. ENNIS,
" CHURCHILL PHILLIPS GUTHRIE,
" RALPH EDWIN MARX,
" THOMAS EDWIN ROWAN,
" MILTON SANTEE.

Oakland Council, No. 12:

Comp. ARTHUR SEDLEY WOODWARD,
" JOSEPH GEORGE WALL.

Gateway Council, No. 13:

Comp. JOHN CHISHOLM.

Respectfully Submitted,

HENRY ASCROFT,
GEORGE PENLINGTON,
FRANK H. DAY,
Committee.

LIST OF THE CONSTITUENT COUNCILS,

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1902.

	Names of Councils.	No. of Council.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
1	Sacramento	1	3	2	....	....	2	....	.....	....	3	204	$105 00
2	California	2	18	....	....	5	2	7	.....	....	6	256	146 00
3	Marysville	3	...	....	....	1	....	....	.....	....	....	49	24 50
*	Sierra Nevada	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
4	Sonora	5	9	....	....	1	...	1	.....	....	...	51	34 50
5	Shasta	6	3	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	3	49	27 50
*	Virginia	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
*	Yreka	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
6	Helena	9	2	....	....	3	..	1	.....	....	....	45	24 50
7	Stockton	10	14	....	....	....	1	....	.....	....	....	76	52 00
8	Los Angeles	11	54	....	....	12	1	....	.....	....	7	276	192 00
9	Oakland	12	36	1	...	1	1	....	.....	....	2	188	130 00
10	Gateway	13	1	....	....	1	....	1	.....	....	1	51	26 50
11	Santa Ana	14	12	1	...	....	....	1	.....	....	....	62	43 00
12	Ventura	15	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	25	12 50
13	Pasadena	U.D.	12	†10	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	22	23 00
			164	14		24	7	11	.....	....	27	1354	$841 00

* Charter surrendered.

† Petitioners for Dispensation.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Councils		13
Number of Councils making returns		13
Greeted during year	164	
Affiliated	14	178
Withdrawn	24	
Excluded	7	
Suspended for non-payment of dues	11	
Died	27	69
Gain		109
Total membership January 31 1902		1,354

REPRESENTATIVES

Of Other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Colorado	Jacob H. Neff	San Francisco.
Connecticut	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
England and Wales	Amasa W. Bishop	Oakland.
Georgia	Robert Ash	San Francisco.
Illinois	Wm. B. Scarborough	Los Angeles.
Indiana	David M. Sutherland	Los Angeles.
Indian Territory	William Hewson Davis	Sacramento.
Iowa	Albert H. Merritt	Oakland.
Kansas	Henry Ascroft	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	August Wackerbarth	Los Angeles.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maritime Provinces, N. B.	John A. Britton	Oakland.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Minnesota	John Gould Bisbee	Auburn.
Mississippi	David M. Sutherland	Los Angeles.
Missouri	George Penlington	San Francisco.
Nebraska	James William Towner	Santa Ana.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
North Carolina	John Francis Hughes	Los Angeles.
Ohio	James Hedges Hall	Santa Ana.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
Rhode Island	Thomas Flint, Sr.	San Juan, San Benito Co.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.
Washington	David W. Lubeck	Auburn.
Wisconsin	James Dean Wilder	Tustin

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	Gaylord J. Klock	Little Rock.
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Colorado	Calvin E. Reed, 1625 Pearl St.	Denver.
Connecticut	Alexander B. Shumway	Litchfield.
Georgia	Christopher F. Lewis	Augusta
Illinois	John A. Ladd	Sterling.
Indiana	Orlando W. Brownback	Pendleton.
Indian Territory	Jabez H. Mann	McAllster, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	W. H. Novvis	Manchester.
Kansas	Robert E. Torrington	Wichita.
Kentucky	James Dysert Lewis	Louisville.
Louisiana	Samuel Manning Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland.
Maryland	Albert Benedict Lyman	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Edward M. Woodward	Boston.
Michigan	Bayard A. Church	St. Louis.
Minnesota	James C. Hawes	Red Wing.
Mississippi	A. A. Posey	Aberdeen.
Missouri	Thomas Seal	St. Louis.
Nebraska	G. W. Lininger	Omaha.
New Hampshire	John F. Maynard	Ashland.
New Jersey	John M. Knapp	Ridgewood.
New York	Theodore H. Barber	Syracuse.
North Carolina	W. F. Randolph	Asheville.
Ohio	Arthur P. Crane	Toledo.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	Reuben E. Taft	Titusville.
Rhode Island	Robert S. Franklin	Newport.
South Carolina	J. E. McDonald	Winnsboro.
Tennessee	A. S. Myers	Memphis.
Vermont	George W. Wing	Montpelier.
Washington	W. S. Fairweather	Tacoma.
Wisconsin	William N. Pennell	Milwaukee.

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

Alabama—Benj. M. Jacobs, Montgomery.
Arkansas—Fay Hemstead, Little Rock.
California—William A. Davies, Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Colorado—Ernest LeNeve Foster, Denver.
Connecticut—James McCormick, Hartford.
England—C. F. Matier, M'k Masonic Hall, Great Q. St., London, W. C.
Florida—John Carlovitz, Milton.
Georgia—W. A. Wolihin, Macon.
General Grand Council—Henry W. Mordhurst, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Illinois—Gil. W. Barnard, Masonic Temple, Chicago.
Indiana—Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis.
Indian Territory—J. S. Murrow, Atoka
Kansas—William M. Shaver, Topeka.
Kentucky—James W. Staton, Brooksville.
Louisiana—Richard Lambert, Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine—Stephen Berry, Portland.
Maryland—J. W. Bowers, 16 East Lexington St., Baltimore.
Massachusetts—J. Gilman Waite, Masonic Temple, Boston.
Minnesota—Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul.
Michigan—Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater.
Mississippi—Fred Speed, Vicksburg.
Missouri—William H. Mayo, Masonic Temple, St. Louis.
New Hampshire—Frank D. Woodbury, Concord.
Nebraska—Francis E. White, Plattsmouth.
New Jersey—Charles Bechtel, Trenton.
New York—George H. Van Vliet, 16 Eighth Avenue, New York City.
New Brunswick—John A. Watson, St. John.
North Carolina—James C. Munds, Wilmington.
Ohio—William E. Evans, Chillicothe.
Oregon—Seth L. Pope, Portland, P. O. Box 256.
Ontario—A. G. Horford, Toronto.
Pennsylvania—Joshua L. Lyte, Lancaster.
Rhode Island—William R. Greene, Providence, Box 576.
Scotland—D. Murray Lyon, Edinburgh.
South Carolina—Zimmerman Davis, Charleston.
Tennessee—W. A. Clendening, Nashville.
Vermont—Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington.
Washington—Edward R. Hare, Tacoma.
Wisconsin—William W. Perry, Milwaukee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council, R.·. and S.·. M.·. of California:—

I herewith most respectfully present my Second Annual Report as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, for the year 1902; and having carefully reviewed the proceedings of the Grand Councils noted below, take pleasure in congratulating the Rite upon the fact, that the year just closed has been one of general progress and advancement all along the line.

ALABAMA	Remarks	MISSISSIPPI	1901
ARKANSAS	1901	MISSOURI	1901
CALIFORNIA	Remarks	NEBRASKA	1901
COLORADO	1900	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1901
CONNECTICUT	1901	NEW JERSEY	1901
GEORGIA	1901	NEW YORK	1901
ILLINOIS	1901	NORTH CAROLINA	1901
INDIANA	1901	OHIO	1901
INDIAN TERRITORY	1901	OREGON	1901
KANSAS	1901	SOUTH CAROLINA	1901
KENTUCKY	1901	TENNESSEE	1902
MAINE	1901	VERMONT	1901
MASSACHUSETTS	1900—1901	WASHINGTON	1901
MINNESOTA	1901	WISCONSIN	1901

ALABAMA.

Hearest thou the Roll-Call?

Have waited anxiously for some response to the roll-call from the Grand Council of Alabama. Whither hath it strayed? Is it lost in the Land of the Lotus, and fallen asleep? Through *Ill.·.* Companion ALEXANDER M. LAMDIN, Chairman of Correspondence Committee of Grand Council of Georgia, we have tidings of the lost Star—and the tidings are sad—it is the announcement of the death of the venerated Grand Recorder, *Ill.·.* H. C. ARMSTRONG, who, having completed his labors of usefulness, has passed to the land that is better than this—to the reward that awaiteth the faithful worker in the vineyard of life. Notwithstanding the great loss, it is hoped that the Grand Council of Alabama will survive; and that again, as in past years, it will head the column of Grand Councils in the Reports of our Annual Proceedings.

The Proceedings of 1899 report the number of Councils to be 5, with a membership of 217.

ARKANSAS.

1901.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Arkansas was held at the City of Little Rock, the 21st day of November, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.* J. R. DAONNELL, Grand Master, presiding; FAV HEMPSTEAD, Grand Recorder, with Representatives from eight Subordinate Councils present; G. J. BLOCK representing the Grand Council of California.

The Grand Master, in his annual address, gave a gloomy account of the state of the Order in his Jurisdiction, notwithstanding he had made strong efforts, through correspondence, to revive the dormant Councils.

We would suggest that it is a very difficult process, the resurrecting of dormant Councils by letter. Visitation is the only effective antidote, and it seldom fails to do the work. Try it! Letter prescriptions will never—or hardly ever—resurrect. Do not despair until the visitation remedy has been thoroughly tried.

The Committee on Jurisprudence opened the way by recommending the appointment of a Grand Lecturer to visit Subordinate Councils, but nullified the plan by leaving the matter of visitation and compensation entirely with the Subordinate Councils.

There are ten Councils on the roll, eight of whom made returns, which show: Greeted, 24; affiliated, 2; reinstated, 3; died, 7; suspended, 23; dimitted, 2; present membership, 267.

Companion R. J. LAUGHLIN, Chairman Correspondence Committee, quotes liberally from the California Report for 1901.

GAYLORD J. BLOCK was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and FAV HEMPSTEAD was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA.

1902.

It may seem somewhat of an innovation to attempt a review of our own Grand Council; but there are some facts which will be of interest to our own Jurisdiction, which can better be presented in this form, therefore the responsibility is assumed.

The past three years have been an era of progress, unprecedented in the history of the Rite in California, and with a faithful carrying out of the visitation system, provided for at the last session of the Grand Council, there is greater prosperity in store.

As an indication of the successful growth of the Rite in California, I present the following review, covering the past seven years, each year ending the 31st day of January.

Year ending January 31, 1896—Greeted, 29; affiliated, 1; restored, 2; total, 32. Withdrawn, excluded, died, etc., 167. Number on the roll at the above date, 901.

January 31, 1897—Greeted during the year, 79; affiliated, 23; restored, 8; total, 110. Withdrawn, excluded, died, etc., 70. Number on the roll at above date, 941.

January 31, 1898—Greeted during the year, 122; affiliated, 11; restored, 4; total, 137. Withdrawn, excluded, died, etc., 60. Net gain, 77. Total membership, 1,018.

January 31, 1899—Greeted during the year, 86; affiliated, 5; restored, 3; total, 94. Withdrawn, excluded, died, etc., 71. Net gain, 23. Total membership, 1,041.

January 31, 1900—Greeted during the year, 102; affiliated, 3; restored, 7; total, 112. Withdrawn, suspended, died, etc., 56. Net gain, 56; total membership, 1,097.

January 31, 1901—Greeted during the year, 178; affiliated, 6; restored, 19; total, 203. Withdrawn, suspended, died, etc., 55. Net gain, 148. Total membership, 1,245.

January 31, 1902—Greeted during the year, 152; affiliated, 4; total, 156. Withdrawn, suspended, died, etc., 64. Net gain, 87. Total membership, February 1, 1,332. Net gain in seven years, 431. This can be more than doubled with active work during the next six years, with the visitation system inaugurated.

COLORADO.

1900.

No reports of the proceedings of the Grand Council of Colorado have been received for two years. What is the matter? We learn from reports of other Grand Councils that Colorado is still in existence, but why is California cut from the exchange list? Through the roundabout pilgrimage *via* Georgia we are informed that the Sixth Annual Session of the Grand Council of Colorado was held at Denver, September 21, 1900, and that the Grand Master paid the following high compliment to the Grand Body over which he presided, to-wit: "To-day we stand the most united and cordial Grand Body in this jurisdiction, and are most closely in touch and sympathy with our Subordinate Bodies—more so than any of the Grand Bodies in Colorado."

Very good. Please put your Grand Body in touch with California.

There are are 9 Councils, with a membership of 432; loss, 10.

CALVIN E. REED was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and ERNEST LE NEVE, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

1901.

The Eighty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Connecticut was held in Masonic Hall, City of New Haven, May 15, 1901.

HENRY O. CANFIELD, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; JAMES MCCORMICK, Grand Recorder; representatives from nineteen Subordinate Councils being present.

Upon organization, the Grand Council was called from labor to refreshments, and the officers of Hamilton Council exemplified the work by conferring the Royal and Select Masters' Degree in a creditable manner.

The Grand Council then resumed its labors, and the Grand Master delivered his annual address. He congratulated the Order upon the zeal and interest displayed, stating that the beauties of the Cryptic Rite and the lessons it inculcates are gradually receiving that recognition which its merits deserve; that there were no dissensions calling for decisions. He noted pleasant visitations to Subordinate Councils; also a visitation to *Adelphic* Council, No. 7, of New York City, to witness the conferring of the Superexcellent Degree, with delegations from several Councils of Connecticut and the Grand Officers. He warmly endorsed the visitation of Subordinate Councils by the Grand Officers, recommended by the Past Grand Master, and urged all Councils to notify the Grand Officers of meetings for work, further urging that action be taken by the Grand Council in that matter.

Companion JOHN H. BARLOW, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, quotes liberally from the interesting address of Grand Master WACKERBARTH of California, delivered in 1900, which has been so universally commended.

Number of Councils on the roll of the Grand Council, 21; received and greeted, 167; admitted, 4; reinstated, 1; withdrawn, 2; stricken from the roll, 65; suspended, 2; died, 108; present membership, 3,594.

ALBERT S. COMSTOCK was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and JAMES MCCORMICK was re-elected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

1901.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of the State of Georgia was held at Masonic Temple, in the City of Macon, April 23, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM A. DAVIS, Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM A. WOLIHIN, Grand Recorder.

There were Representatives present from nineteen Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master was exhaustive, covering six pages of the printed proceedings.

He paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the only deceased member of the Grand Council, *M.·. Ill.·.* Past Grand Master HENRY C. BURR, who held the honored position of Grand Master for nine successive terms, and under whose energetic management the Rite flourished to a degree

unsurpassed in the history of the Order. The Subordinate Councils were more than doubled in number, and the membership increased many fold.

These facts suggest the good policy of retaining an efficient and active Grand Master in office for more than a single term; for it takes a full year to become an efficient builder, and just at the time a Grand Master has thoroughly organized the working forces of the Rite, he is superseded, and a new builder is started out to learn the builder's art.

The Grand Master issued dispensations for the organization of four new Councils, with good results, and constituted one chartered Council. "The peculiar beauty of our degrees," said he, "is becoming more and more appreciated, resulting in a general revival in Cryptic Masonry."

The Grand Council allied itself with the General Grand Council the year it was organized, to-wit: February 23, 1881, and has ever since been a faithful and loyal constituent.

The Grand Master closed his address with an eloquent peroration upon the imperial character of Masonry, its antiquity, ancient history, grandeur of structure, the lasting good it has accomplished, its perpetuity, the length of the ages—because it is founded on the Rock of Everlasting Truth, and the betterment of mankind.

Charters were granted to four new Councils, making the present number 28. Number of members reported from 21 Councils, 630. Gain during the year, 102.

M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM A. DAVIS was re-elected Grand Master, and WILLIAM A. WOLIHIN was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

1901.

The Forty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Illinois was held at Masonic Temple, City of Chicago, October 23, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN FITHIAN, Grand Master, presiding, GIL. W. BARNARD, Grand Recorder, with Representatives from forty-four subordinate Councils—Comp. JOHN A. LADD representing the Grand Council of California.

The address of the Grand Master was a very interesting business paper. He stated that no new Councils were constituted during the year, for the reason that the attention of the Grand Officers was wholly directed to the resurrection of dormant Councils—a very commendable work; far better than if engaged in burying them. He reported the growth of the Rite not as great as desired—the gain being only 50.

His remarks upon the assassination of President McKinley were forcible and to the point, closing as follows: "No eulogium is necessary to remind you of his commendable qualities; nor is an invective against the assassin, or the crime-breeding cult which made the assassination

possible, required to direct your attention to 'the deep damnation of his taking off,' and it is fitting that respectful notice be taken by the Grand Council of the tragic death."

He reported visitations by himself to eight Subordinate Councils, with good results, but that generally the Rite was in a state of lukewarmness in the Jurisdiction.

The returns show that there were admitted by degrees, affiliation and reinstatement, 191; dimitted, 38; suspended, 66; died, 37; net gain, 50. Present membership, 3,117.

WILLIAM B. CARLOCK was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and GIL-W. BARNARD was re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

1901.

The Forty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Indiana convened at Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, Tuesday, October 22, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.* HANNIBAL C. YOUNT, Grand Master, presiding; CALVIN W. PRATHER, Grand Recorder; *Ill.·.* ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK, Grand Representative for California, and Representatives from forty-eight of the fifty Subordinate Councils being present, evidence that the Cryptic Rite in Indiana is a live and most active body, taking the lead, thus far heard from, of all the States in the Union in the matter of representation, and setting a worthy example for other Jurisdictions to follow.

The annual address of the Grand Master was rainbow-tinted, as well as instructive, and rich with the meat of wisdom. Tributes were paid to the memories of the honored dead, from the Northern Lakes to the Everglades of the Southland, and from the storm-beaten coast of the Atlantic to the placid Pacific, and northward where rolls the Oregon.

The Grand Master recommended the adoption of the Cipher Ritual, prepared and enacted by the General Grand Council, as the only lawful work.

Boonville Council, No. 66, which had lapsed into innocuous desuetude, was, through the personal efforts of the Grand Master, resurrected, and is now a bright and shining light—thanks to the wisdom of resuscitation instead of extinction. We commend the wise and judicious action of the Grand Master to all Jurisdictions. Resuscitation is better and more wise than the guillotine—make a note of it.

The Grand Recorder reported 243 advanced; 9 reinstated; 8 affiliated; 33 deaths; 39 dimitted; 50 suspended; net increase, 138; total membership, 3,038—every Council, save one, making returns, showing a net gain of 138.

Ill.·. JOHN J. RICHARDS was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* CALVIN W. PRATHER was elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master appointed Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master HENRY W. MORDHURST Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence—a most wise selection. We extend the pen-hand of fellowship to our illustrious co-worker, believing, with him, that the pen, instead of the shears, is more mighty than the sword.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

1901.

The Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Indian Territory was held at Masonic Hall, town of Muskogee, Creek Nation, April 24, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.* EUGENE HAMILTON, Grand Master, presiding; JOSEPH S. MURROW, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from seven Subordinate Councils; one Council not represented.

The Grand Master reported peace and harmony prevailing throughout the Jurisdiction; that the ranks of the Grand Council were unbroken by death; and also reported the institution of new Councils at Davis and Pawnee, Oklahoma Territory. This Territory had lately been added to the Jurisdiction.

Number of Councils 8; membership, 178; a gain of 55.

D. M. HALEY was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and JOSEPH S. MURROW was re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

1901.

The Thirty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Kansas was held in the City of Wichita, February 8, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.* EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM M. SHAVER, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from ten Subordinate Councils—California being represented by Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master ROBERT E. FARRINGTON.

The Grand Master's address occupied nine pages of the proceedings, a well-prepared business, statistical and interesting document. He reported that the circle of the Grand Council had not been broken during the year by death; also that he had commissioned *Ill.·.* HENRY ASCROFT Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Kansas, near the Grand Council of California; that he had labored with zeal during the year to create enthusiasm among the officers of the Subordinate Councils, with results not at all commensurate with his labors. (We would suggest that one visitation is worth a bushel of correspondence for enthusing Subordinate Councils.) The Grand Master seems to have arrived at the conclusion that visitation is the only revivifying remedy on those lines. He therefore wisely recommended that the Grand Council put efficient workers in the vineyard, which was approved by that Grand Body.

It is evident to a reasoning mind that decapitation is a poor remedy for the building up of the rite. That instead of killing outright, the better plan would be to instill new life through persistent visitations.

A complimentary page is devoted to the retiring Grand Master, noting particularly his originating the successful pilgrimage to the summit of Pike's Peak, where, on a bronze tablet, his name is perpetuated amidst the storms which sweep the snow-capped silent sentinel of the plains.

The annual returns show a membership of 1,077—a gain of 17.

BESTOR G. BROWN was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and WILLIAM H. SHAVER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

1900.

The Seventy-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Kentucky convened at the City of Louisville, on Monday, October 15, 1900, JAMES E. WILHELM, *Rt.·. Ill.·.* Deputy Grand Master presiding, in the absence of *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master JOHN CLARK, who was detained at home by sickness in his family; JAMES W. STATON, Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master sent in a short address, which was read to the Grand Council.

He was pleased to state that no deaths had occurred in the ranks of the Grand Council. That owing to sickness he had made no visitations to Subordinate Councils, which he much regretted. That no dispensations had been applied for, and none granted. Thanking the Grand Council for honors conferred, he closed with "The Lord bless and keep thee; the Lord make his face to shine upon thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace." Amen.

The Grand Recorder reported that he had received returns from only eleven Subordinate Councils, and only part of those had paid dues.

It is evident that the visitation system should be adopted by the Grand Council, and revival meetings held throughout the jurisdiction, that new life be thereby instilled into the Companions of the Blue Grass State.

A resolution of sympathy with the Grand Master in his affliction was adopted.

The Grand Council unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to adopt a regulation making the degrees of Royal and Select Master a prerequisite to receiving the orders of Knighthood.

The roll of the Grand Council shows 20 active Councils in the State, with 991 members, a net gain of 21 members during the year.

JAMES E. WILHELM was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and JAMES W. STATON was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

1901.

The Forty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Maine was held in the City of Portland, May 8, 1901, BIAL F. BRADBURY, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Recorder; Representatives from sixteen Subordinate Councils being present, every Council in the State being represented; *Ill.·.* JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND representing California.

The address of the Grand Master was confined strictly to business. He congratulated the Grand Council upon the prosperity of the Order and its bright outlook for the future. He noted with words of sorrow and commendation of respect the death during the year of *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM TUCKER, Past Grand Master—a man of most sterling worth. Also, the Grand Master, referring to his attendance upon the General Grand Council, feelingly noted the love and respect manifested by all toward the grand old Mason, JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, whom Masons in all Masonic lands revere.

He reported official visits to six Subordinate Councils during the year—all the Councils allotted him for visitation—with great profit to himself as well as to the Rite, and recommended monthly meetings of all Subordinate Councils, as well as special assemblies of the Grand Council for the exemplification of the degrees.

Ill.·. Companion, ALBRO E. CHASE, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, gives two pages to California, quoting liberally from the Correspondence Report, which is duly appreciated.

Number of Councils on the roll, 16; admitted during the year by Degrees, 217; affiliation, 2; reinstated, 1; dimitted, died and suspended, 57. Net increase, 162. Total membership, 2,715.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and STEPHEN BERRY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

1900.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Massachusetts was held at Boston, December 12, 1900, *M.·. Ill.·.* BAALIS SANFORD, Grand Master presiding; J. GILMAN WAITE, Grand Recorder. Representatives being present from nineteen Subordinate Councils, representing a membership of 6,318—a gain during the year of 128. For the first time in the history of the Rite, California beats Massachusetts in gain of membership by just 20, in 1900.

The Grand Master delivered a most interesting and readable address. The past year, he remarked, had been one of steady and uninterrupted

success, for which thanks were rendered the Great and Merciful Father. It was gratifying to report that the circle of the Grand Body had not been broken by death during the year.

His first work was to assign for official visitation and inspection by the Grand Officers, the several Subordinate Councils of the Jurisdiction, and all were officially visited, and the work exemplified. (California should follow the example.) He expressed his gratification at the cheerful compliance of the officers in the suppression of every feature objectionable and inconsistent with the dignity of the Degrees. *Zebulon* Council, at Lynn, was instituted, with a charter membership of 120, and complete paraphernalia, free from debt, and a full treasury. A visitation meeting at Springfield was attended by Companions representing fifteen different Councils—the corps of officers representing six Councils. The results of these visitations were pronounced unmistakable in furthering the interests of the Rite.

1901.

Since the foregoing was written the proceedings of 1901 have come to hand, being the Seventy-fifth Session; *M.·. Ill.·.* BAALIS SANFORD, Grand Master; J. GILMAN WAITE, Grand Recorder; every Council in the State being represented, two Special Assemblies having been held in the State previous to the Annual Session. It is evident that the Rite in Massachusetts has the right man in the Grand Master's chair, whose energy has enthused the Companions throughout the State, the results showing the largest membership of any State in the Union.

The address of the Grand Master was, as heretofore, rich with thought, sound wisdom and good advice, covering fourteen pages of the Proceedings, reporting that visitations had been made to every Council in the Jurisdiction, and one or more Degrees exemplified in each, with one exception. He recommended the presentation of a diploma to each and every Companion receiving the Degrees. He paid due tribute to the illustrious dead, specially referring to the cutting off in the midst of his great usefulness, our esteemed Companion, WILLIAM MCKINLEY, President of the United States, shot down by an infamous anarchist assassin.

The Grand Council of Massachusetts has in the past been the leader and a power in the Circle of Cryptic Masonry, presenting an example of energy worthy of imitation. The Masonic institution which halts goes backward.

Ill.·. Companion J. GILMAN WAITE, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, has golden words of commendation for California, which is duly appreciated; and from the shores of the Sunset Pacific we salute, right royally, our Companions on the shores of Atlantic's sunrise; and may our good fellowship blend, as blend the rays of the silver sunrise with the golden rays of the Pacific sunset.

Number of members, Oct. 31, 1901, 6,423; a gain for the year of 105.

BAALIS SANFORD was elected for the third term, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master; and J. GILMAN WAITE was again re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

1901.

The Thirty-Second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Minnesota was held in Masonic Hall, St. Paul, on Monday, October 7, 1901, JEROME E. COOLEY, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from seven Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master covers eight pages of the printed proceedings, five of which were devoted to the Rite—historical, present status, and future prospects.

The historical has been threshed over so often, each thresher having a different version, that it has become more than "a thrice-told tale." The living question for the Rite is, "What is the best means for its upbuilding, advancement and success?"

The Grand Master in his address takes up and reviews the "Prerequisite question," quoting the action heretofore had, *seriatim*, from time to time since 1877, up to the last session of the Grand Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar, which refused to make the Cryptic Degrees a prerequisite to Knighthood.

It occurs to us that the Cryptic Rite is advancing steadily upon its own merits, and while recognition would be, perhaps, an act of simple Masonic justice, the Cryptic Rite is not dependent upon such recognition in the least degree; there is sufficient in the beauty, comeliness and ancient history of the Rite to give it due prominence in the Masonic structure. We are inclined to the opinion that the subject of recognition by any other order of Masonry might well be dropped. This seems to be the final conclusion of Grand Master COOLEY.

Minnesota is a prosperous Masonic vineyard, where flourishes all the rites and orders, from the Blue Lodge upward.

There are seven Councils in the jurisdiction, with a total membership of 657, a loss of 10 during the year.

HENRY M. TULSSER was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master; and THOMAS MONTGOMERY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

1901.

The Forty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Mississippi convened in the City of Oxford, February 26, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.* FRED-

ERICK SPEED, Grand Master, presiding; J. L. POWER, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from thirty-five Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master covers ten pages of the printed proceedings, rich with thought from the fountain of wisdom, as well as a most interesting paper upon the status of the Rite, locally and generally—an address from which one may cull much useful information, not only historically, but of the present as well.

He forcibly recommends the cultivation of the social features, as well as the work of the Rite, and suggests that it would be well to embrace the families of the Order in social entertainments, to bring out the real purposes for which Masonry exists.

He noted the beneficial results of visitation in resurrecting several dormant Councils, and urged the more frequent visiting by Grand Officers as the lever of prosperity. He urged that resuscitation should take the place of the utterly destroying rule of suspension.

We would suggest to all Grand Councils that resurrection is far more preferable than extermination, and that encouragement by visitation is a wonderful power for good, which seldom fails to resurrect the dormant.

The Grand Master reported eight Councils resuming labor which had been resuscitated during the year through visitations of the Grand Lecturer—a worthy example for all Jurisdictions to follow. He followed this with a recommendation that the Grand Council appropriate one hundred dollars per month to keep the Grand Lecturer in the field, that he may continue the good work—this to be in conjunction with the Grand Chapter, of which he is also Grand Lecturer; which recommendation was approved by a joint committee of the Grand Council and Grand Chapter, the two bodies joining hands in the good work.

Would it not be well for the Grand Council and Grand Chapter of California to likewise join hands in this commendable work?

Number of Councils reporting 29, with a membership of 786. Net gain during the year, 95.

M.·. Ill.·. FREDERICK SPEED was re-elected Grand Master and J. L. POWER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

1901.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Missouri convened in Freemasons' Hall, St. Louis, Wednesday, April 24, 1901, JOHN H. MURPHY, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; WM. H. MAYO, Grand Recorder. Eleven Subordinate Councils were represented out of the thirteen in the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master, in his annual address, informed the Grand Council that his work for the Rite would not cease with the term of his office,

but that he would continue to labor diligently for its success, and impress upon Royal Arch Masons the necessity of receiving the beautiful and instructive Degrees of the Cryptic Rite to round out Chapter Masonry and gain Masonic knowledge.

We recommend these sentiments to all officers who have been honored with positions in the Rite.

The Grand Master reported successful visitations to Subordinate Councils during the year, witnessing the conferring of the Sublime Degree, and encouraging life and activity.

He recommended the setting apart of one hour at each Annual Session for memorial services, after the address of the Grand Master.

In closing, he reported peace and harmony prevailing all along the line. As an evidence of this peace and harmony, there was no business before the Grievance Committee.

There are thirteen active Councils in the State, with a membership of 839—a gain of 26.

REUBEN BARNEY was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and WILLIAM H. MAYO was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA.

1901.

The Twenty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Nebraska was held at Omaha, December 11, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.* JAMES A. GRIMSON, Grand Master, presiding; FRANCIS E. WHITE, Grand Recorder; and Representatives from fifteen Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master shows by his annual address that he fully appreciates the power and good results of the visitation system, which, in fact, is the great lever which never fails of success. He gave an elaborate account of his stewardship, especially on the line of visitation. Notwithstanding the order that Councils failing to make returns should be dropped from the rolls, he very wisely refrained from enforcing the harikari process, taking the cases in hand himself, personally visiting the dormant Councils, with good results. His wise and judicious action should be followed by all Grand Masters. And right here I would suggest that cutting off the heads of dormant Councils does harm instead of good; the right medicine is visitation. Decapitation ends the play with a tragedy, which Grand Master GRIMSON wisely considered and acted upon intelligently. The Grand Council and Grand Officers are responsible for the lethargy in Subordinate Councils in a great measure. The resurrection medicine is visitation, not the guillotine, which kills.

On report of the Grand Master the delinquent Councils were forgiven their delinquencies and started out anew, with the revival fever glowing in their veins. Nebraska has set an example worthy of general adoption.

The Committee on "Doings of Grand Officers," in their report, paid the Grand Master a compliment for finding a sensible way to proceed with delinquent Councils.

The returns show 27 greeted, 17 admissions and restorations; total, 45. Loss by dimissions and deaths, 53; net loss of membership, 8; present membership, 360.

GEORGE W. LINIGER was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and FRANCIS E. WHITE was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

1901.

The Fortieth Assembly of the Grand Council of New Hampshire convened in Free Masons' Hall, City of Concord, on Monday, May 13, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.* CHARLES B. SPOFFORD, Grand Master, presiding; FRANK D. WOODBURY, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from eleven Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master in his annual address paid a commendatory tribute to the memory of *Ill.·.* JOSEPH WYMAN HILDRETH, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council, who died Dec. 2, 1900.

He noted official visits to several Subordinate Councils during the year with great profit to the Rite; and also his attendance upon the Session of the General Grand Council at Cincinnati in 1900, complimenting the work and efficient business of the Session. He also reported the depositing of duplicates of the Proceedings of the Grand Councils of the several States of the Union in the State Library of New Hampshire, at the request of the State Librarian. A very proper thing to do by the Grand Councils of every State in the Union.

The Deputy Grand Master reported successful visitations to four Subordinate Councils, as also did the Principal Conductor of the Work, who visited four Councils, at all of which there were large gatherings of Companions, demonstrating the great benefits to the Rite which accrue from these visitations, incentive to all Grand Councils to do likewise if they desire to build up the Rite.

There are 11 Subordinate Councils in the State, with a membership of 1,614, a gain of 61 for the year.

BENJAMIN F. ST. CLAIR was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and FRANK D. WOODBURY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

1901.

The Forty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of New Jersey was held in Masonic Hall, Trenton, January 22, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.*

JOSEPH MASON, Grand Master, presiding; CHARLES BECHTEL, Grand Recorder. Representatives were present from five Subordinate Councils, California being represented by *Ill.·.* JOHN M. KNAPP.

The address of the Grand Master was a clean-cut, business document. Among the many good words aptly spoken, he said: "As we stand upon the first step of the new century, let us make a determined resolution to renew our efforts with fervency and zeal for the prosperity of the Cryptic Rite. Let us pray and trust GOD will continue to watch over and protect our glorious fraternity, and crown our lives with noble deeds."

Five dispensations were granted to Subordinate Councils, four to act upon petitions and one to change place of meeting and elect officers.

Five official visits were made to Subordinate Councils—evidence of the interest taken by the Grand Master in the Rite.

Ill.·. CHARLES BELCHER, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, paid a compliment to the Grand Council of California for putting the work of the Super-Excellent Degree in cipher.

There are eight Subordinate Councils in the Jurisdiction, with a membership of 434. Whether this is a gain or loss we have no means of determining, as no report was received for 1900. Report of 1899 showed a membership of 359.

H. H. MITHOEFER was elected *M.·.* *Ill.·.* Grand Master, and CHARLES BECHTEL was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

1901.

The Ninety-second Assembly of the Grand Council of New York convened at Masonic Temple, City of Buffalo, on Tuesday, August 20, 1901, *M.·.* *Ill.·.* GEO. MCGOWN, Grand Master, presiding; GEORGE VAN VLIET, Grand Recorder, with Representatives from twenty-five Subordinate Councils; *Ill.·.* THEO. M. BARBER representing the Grand Council of California.

The address of the Grand Master was a thorough and strictly business document. He is a firm believer in the system of visitation, and one of his first acts as Grand Master was the appointment of eleven officers of the Grand Council as a visitation committee, allotting to each from two to three Subordinate Councils. There were reports made of the results of only six Councils visited, but these were highly satisfactory and encouraging as to future results of the wise system.

Harmony seems to prevail throughout the Empire State, so far as the Rite is concerned. As no case of dispute or questions for decision were presented to the Grand Master for decision during the year—with the single question of jurisdiction between *King Solomon* and *De Witt*

Councils—the honored names of these two Councils ought to be sufficient guarantee of both wisdom and justice in all their doings.

The address closed with kind words to all, and with the expressed hope that the same energies contributed to his administration would be extended to his successor.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows the number of Companions received and greeted during the year to be 289; affiliated, 12; restored, 2; suspended, 77; dimitted, 19; died, 56; net increase, 152; present membership, 4,393; number of Councils, 26.

Ill.·. Companion GEO. M. OSGOODBY, Chairman of Correspondence, gives more than three pages of the Proceedings to California, which is duly appreciated and most highly esteemed, coming from one whose ability is unquestioned as a judge. He noted the fact that the Rite in the Golden State was of a progressive order, notwithstanding the old excuse for "not visiting" was made, stating it to be one of the highest duties of the Grand Master to get into close touch with the Companions. Visitation instills new life and encourages Companions to renewed efforts.

We are pleased to learn through Companion OSGOODBY that Wisconsin is all right and very much alive, notwithstanding the reports of her decease. We take pleasure in giving our Sister Jurisdiction welcome to the active fold.

JOHN P. DEAL was elected Grand Master, and GEORGE VAN VLIET was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA.

1901.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of North Carolina convened at the City of Greensborough, May 14, 1901, U. S. LIDDELL, *M.·.* *Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, JAMES C. MUNDS, Grand Recorder; Representatives being present from six Subordinate Councils; *Ill.·.* W. F. RANDOLPH representing the Grand Council of California.

The Grand Master made a short verbal address, in which he deplored the lethargy manifested in the Jurisdiction. Little work had been accomplished; no questions asked; no dispensations granted; no decisions and no visitations made.

If the Grand Officers desire a revival of the Rite they should resort to visitations; it is the only medicine that will cure the dry rot and bring forth astonishing results. We are glad to learn that the Rite still exists; that there is marrow in the bones; and a thorough visitation by the Grand Officers would serve to fire the members with zeal and activity.

There are six Subordinate Councils on the rolls, with a membership of 155.

M.·. *Ill.·.* U. S. LIDDELL was re-elected Grand Master, and JAMES C. MUNDS was re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

1901.

The Seventy-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Ohio convened at the City of Toledo, September 24, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM B. ANDERSON, Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM E. EVANS, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from fifty-three Subordinate Councils; *Ill.·.* Companion ARTHUR P. CRANE representing the Grand Council of California.

The annual address of the Grand Master was short and brilliant. It was the first meeting of the new century. As he remarked: "The sun of the golden century having sunk beyond the horizon, to rise with resplendent brilliancy on what promises to be a still more glorious era, with progress written everywhere, and Cryptic Masonry has kept step in the march of progress, Ohio being second only of all the Grand Councils in the grand march. Peace and harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction; and it gave him pleasure in extending congratulations to all for the bright prospects of the future."

He reported the division of the State into nine districts, and appointed Inspectors for visitation of Councils in the several districts named, with notice to Masters of each Council to read the circulars sent out in open Council, and make suitable arrangements for visitations. The new rituals were generally used, each Council being furnished with copies, that uniformity of work may prevail.

All copies of Proceedings of Grand Councils have been bound for preservation--a good feature, which all Grand Councils might adopt with profit for reference.

Ill.·. Companion W. M. CUNNINGHAM, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, gives a complimentary review of the Proceedings of the Grand Council of California.

The returns show a membership for the previous year, 5,188; advanced during the year, 565; admitted, 49; reinstated, 23; total, 5,828. Withdrawn, died and suspended, 258. Present membership, 5,567—a net gain of 379—a remarkably good showing, passing Massachusetts in point of increase of members, and only 751 behind in total membership. The "Old Bay State" may well look after her laurels.

GEORGE D. COPELAND was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and WILLIAM E. EVANS was re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON.

1901.

The Sixteenth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Oregon was held at Masonic Hall, McMinnville, on Wednesday, April 3, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN M. HODSON, Grand Master, presiding; SETH L. POPE,

Grand Recorder, with Representatives from six Subordinate Councils; SETH L. POPE representing the Grand Council of California.

The Grand Master greeted the Companions with a welcome of well-chosen words.

He noted the institution of two new Councils in the jurisdiction, *Union* No. 5, and *Pendleton*, No. 6, with fair prospects of future usefulness.

He spoke of the General Grand Council in cheering words of its future success and usefulness, regretting his inability to be present at the Triennial Session; well knowing the high Masonic character of the officers, it could not fail to promote the general interests of the Rite.

He had hoped to be able to report a more prosperous condition of the Rite in the State of Oregon. Could he have made it convenient to have visited the Councils, no doubt he would have had cause to report a better and more prosperous state of the Order. Visitation is a power which never fails to bring prosperity, and the only means of enthusing the Subordinate Councils, as the fruitage never fails to demonstrate.

There are six Councils in the Jurisdiction, with a membership of 266; a gain of 19 during the year.

A. L. RUMSEY was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and SETH L. POPE was re-elected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

1901.

The Forty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of South Carolina was held at Masonic Temple, City of Charleston, on February 12, 1901. JOHN R. BELLINGER, Acting *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master; ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from six Subordinate Councils; the Acting Grand Master reading the annual address of the Grand Master.

The address noted with regrets the death of the Grand Chaplain, Rev. S. P. H. ELWELL, and also the death of Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master F. F. WILHITE. It recommended the adoption of the Ritual as established by the General Grand Council, as uniformity was desired in the work of the Rite. He reported a healthful growth of the Rite though not in proportion to its merits. He stated that he had during the past year propounded questions to the Grand Masters of the several States, as follows: "How does the interest in Cryptic Masonry compare with 1897—increased or diminished?" General answer: "Each year brighter." Second: "What changes can you suggest for our betterment?" General answer: "Make the Council Degrees prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood." The responses came from twenty-three of the parties addressed.

The report gives only a list of six Subordinate Councils, but does not give the membership of the Jurisdiction. It would seem that something more is needed in South Carolina than the "*prerequisite*" to stir up an interest in the Rite. All but four of the Grand Officers noted were acting as *pro tempore* officers.

JOHN R. BELLINGER was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and ZIMMERMAN DAVIS was re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

1902.

The Fifty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Tennessee convened at the City of Nashville, January 27, 1902, *M.·. Ill.·.* HENRY FLOWERS, Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM A. CLENDENING, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from twelve Subordinate Councils; *Ill.·.* A. S. MEYERS, Grand Representative of California, being present.

The Grand Master, in his annual address, announced the death of Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master WILLIAM S. MATTHEWS, who died November 2, 1901, and directed a memorial page be set apart to his memory in the printed Proceedings. He announced his regrets at not being able to visit Subordinate Councils as anticipated. This excuse seems to be prevailing, and in each case decrease in membership is the result. The returns show a membership of 524, a loss of 3. The charter of one Council was declared forfeited.

M. F. FLENNIKEN was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and WILLIAM A. CLENDENING was re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

1901.

The Forty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Vermont convened at Masonic Temple, City of Burlington, Friday, the 11th day of June, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.* EDWIN B. TRUE, Grand Master, presiding; CHARLES L. ROBINSON, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from fifteen Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master was, after words commemorative of the fraternal dead, confined wholly to business.

He was pleased to announce that no complaints had come to his knowledge, or grievances to adjust; that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction.

During the year forty-three Companions were greeted, twelve suspended, two dimitted and twelve had crossed the Silent River.

He noted with pleasure that whereas a few years ago the treasury was empty, there were now funds to pay all bills and a balance left in the treasury.

During the year six dispensations had been granted—five to ballot on petitions and one to elect and install officers.

The report of the Grand Treasurer confirmed the words of the Grand Master, showing a surplus of $510.23.

The present membership—six Councils not reporting—is 969, a loss of 219. This loss is principally accounted for by reason of six Councils failing to report, having a membership of 212, with a loss by death of 22, suspension 12, and dimitted 2. Gain by Degrees 43, and by affiliation 1; total, 44.

DANIEL S. DANFORTH was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and WARREN G. REYNOLDS was re-elected Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON.

1901.

The Sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of the State of Washington was held at the City of Tacoma, Monday, June 10, 1901, *Rt.·. Ill.·.* WM. H. UPTON, Deputy Grand Master, presiding; EDWARD R. HARE, Grand Recorder.

There were present Representatives from six Subordinate Councils—*Ill.·.* WILLIAM A. FAIRWEATHER, Grand Representative for California, being present. The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master JOHN N. PRATHER being absent on account of sickness, his annual address was read by the Deputy Grand Master.

He referred with pleasure to the prosperous condition of the Rite generally, and specially in his own Jurisdiction. Masonry, he observed, is a silent teacher; her deeds speak for her. No previous age ever beheld the works of benevolence, charity and brotherly love so manifest as at the present time. The civilized world to-day is swayed by her power. He reported but one death in the jurisdiction during the year. His visitations were confined to the Councils on the Sound. He reported his attendance at the session of the General Grand Council, with a review of its proceedings.

The returns show 66 greeted, 4 admitted, 1 expelled, 2 dimitted and 1 death. Total on the roll in good standing, 331; a net gain of 53.

NEIL S. PETERSON was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and EDWARD R. HARE was re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN.

1901.

The Forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Wisconsin was held at Milwaukee, February 19, 1901, *M.·. Ill.·.* W. W. PERRY, Grand Master, presiding; Representatives from ten Subordinate Councils being present.

No report of the proceedings being received, we quote from the report as given by Companion OSGOODBY, Chairman Correspondence Committee of New York.

The address of the Grand Master was short, but rings well. "The Cryptic Rite, even in its chaotic state in Wisconsin, is yet worthy of our best efforts. So we meet at this time with nothing to boast of, but that God is with us, and we turn our minds toward the betterment of Cryptic Masonry in Wisconsin. Let us consult together. Let us use our best efforts to begin anew, and bring that which now seems without hope in Wisconsin to be respected and known of all Masons."

These are words of wisdom and ought to prevail. California sends warm words of greeting to the Companions of Wisconsin to cheer them on in the good work.

The Grand Council enacted, "That we become members of the General Grand Council; that we adopt a Constitution at this session," which was done in due form.

Wisconsin is again in harmonious line, showing a membership of 1,378, a gain of 245, with ample funds in the treasury.

M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM M. PENNELL, of Milwaukee, was elected Grand Master, and the late Grand Master, W. W. PERRY, of Milwaukee, was elected Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

I have perused with interest, and no small degree of pleasure, the proceedings of the several Grand Councils comprised in the foregoing review, noting the fact that Cryptic Masonry is in a most flourishing condition, generally speaking—decidedly so in every Jurisdiction where the visitation system has been faithfully carried out. In several Jurisdictions, Councils which have been virtually dead for years have been revived, and are now active and prosperous.

It is time the Rite was pushed to the forefront, where of right it belongs, as the most beautiful and instructive in the Masonic line. Instead of depending upon recognition by the Order of Chivalry let our dependence be upon the merits of the Rite itself. It is the finishing of the grand Masonic Temple; and within the arches of its secret vaults is stored Masonic lore, explaining that which was left in the dark, and crowning the degrees of the Ancient York Rite.

The general and active enforcement of the visitation system by Grand Councils would double the membership in a very few years. There are dormant Councils enough waiting for the Grand Master Gabriel's trump to sound, to add many thousands to the present active workers.

It has been suggested, and the suggestion is very good, that when a Grand Master shows an active interest in the building up of the Rite, he

should be re-elected to at least a second term. I have observed that the jurisdictions which have adopted this plan are the live and flourishing ones, showing that experience is a factor to be considered.

To the Chairmen of Committees of Correspondence I extend sincere thanks for words kindly spoken, which are truly "Apples of gold in pictures of silver." May our future relations be ever pleasant, brightening the pathway of each with the sunbeams of our Illustrious Sodality; ever remembering that it is far better to sow the seed of sweet flowering plants than to scatter the germs which bring forth only thistles and thorns.

STATISTICAL.

Herewith is presented a table of statistics which will be of interest to all members of the Rite, gathered with much labor and care, and as near correct as can be made from the Grand Council reports received, including reports from thirty-eight States and Territories, most of which are for the year 1901. I do not claim absolute correctness for these figures, as a few are estimated, and others taken from the reports of 1900, the latest received.

Massachusetts still maintains the lead in membership, with Ohio a close second, Michigan third, New York fourth, with Indiana, Illinois and Maine following in the order named. California is fast pushing her way to the front ranks, and with the visitation system actively carried forward will make a commendable showing from henceforth.

On behalf of the Grand Council of California, thanks are extended to the Chairmen of Correspondence Committees for the many kind references given in their reports to the Cryptic Body on the shores of the sunset sea.

In closing I herewith present a compilation of statistics, carefully prepared, which will no doubt be of interest to the members of the Rite generally. I do not claim that it is absolutely correct, but as near correct as it has been possible to make it.

Courteously and fraternally submitted.

AMASA WRIGHT BISHOP,
Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

MASONIC DATES.

The following rules for discovering Masonic dates will be found useful to all Masons, for which purpose they are inserted as part of this Report.

1. To find the date of the Ancient Craft: Add 4000 to the Vulgar Era—thus: 1902 and 4000 are 5902.

2. To find the date of Royal Arch Masonry: Add 530 to the Vulgar Era—thus: 1902 and 530 are 2432.

3. To find the Royal and Select Masters' date: Add 1000 to the Vulgar Era—thus: 1902 and 1000 are 2902.

4. To find the Knights Templar date: Subtract 1118 from the Vulgar Era—thus 1118 from 1902 is 784.

The following shows the date of the present year in all branches of the Order:

Year of our Lord, A. D. 1902—Vulgar Era.
Year of Light, A. L. 5902—Ancient Craft Masonry.
Year of Discovery, A. L. 2432—Royal Arch Masonry.
Year of Deposit, A. Dep. 2902—Royal and Select Masters.
Year of the Order, A. O. 784—Knights Templar.

STATISTICAL.

WORK OF THE SEVERAL GRAND COUNCILS OF THE UNITED STATES, WITH MEMBERSHIPS, ETC.

GRAND COUNCILS		MEMBERS	GAIN	LOSS
Alabama	Last Report	217		
Arkansas	1901	269		55
California	1901	1,332	87	
Colorado	1900	432		10
Connecticut	1901	3,594		2
Florida	Old Report	103		
Georgia	1901	630	102	
Illinois	1901	2,797	50	
Indiana	1901	3,038	138	
Indian Ter.	1901	148	12	
Kansas	1901	1,077	17	
Kentucky	1901	994	24	
Louisiana	1900	169		
Maine	1901	2,715	163	
Maryland	1899	671		
Massachusetts	1901	6,423	105	
Michigan	1901	4,567	66	
Minnesota	1901	657		10
Missouri	1901	839	26	
Mississippi	1901	786	95	
Nebraska	1901	360		8
New Hampshire	1901	1,614	61	
New Jersey	1901	434	75	
New York	1901	4,393	152	
North Carolina	Est.	155		
Ohio	1901	5,567	379	
Oregon	1901	266	19	
Pennsylvania	1901	1,911	120	
Rhode Island	1900	1,355		
South Carolina	Est.	200		
Tennessee	1901	524		3
Vermont	1901	1,188		2
Washington	1901	331	53	
Wisconsin	1901	1,188		2
Totals		50,947	1,744	92

Net gain, 1,652.

The above includes reports for 1901 from 26 Grand Councils; for 1900 from 3 Grand Councils; one for 1899, and 4 Estimates—the Grand Councils being in a comatose state.

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OF THE

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA.

A. D. 1902, A. Dep. 2902.

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Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

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Fox, Thomas
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Frahm, Claus
Frates, Frank
Frazer, Thomas
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
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Gagnon, Alfred
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Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew
Gillis, Dougald Hall
Graham, Louis Edgar
Gray, Arthur Irvine
Gray, Frank Livingstone
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
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Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Mosheim Schumacher
Harvey, Edwin Henry
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Heilbron, Adolph
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Hubbs, Anthony
Huber, Julius Edmund
Ilguer, Charles William
Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Jackson, William Franklin
Jensen, Robert
Johnson, Frank Taylor
Johnson, Hiram Warren
Johnson, Philip
Johnston, Alfred J.

Johnston, William
Ketcham, Martin Alonzo
Kleinsorge, Henry Emil
Kleinsorge, Wm. Edward
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Knox, William Frederick
Lawson, Walter Brokaw
Leonard, Carl *A*
Levison, Jacob
Lightner, Bonus
Little, Christopher
Luce, John Coachman
Luhrs, Charles August
Lykins, Preston Lodwick
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McArthur, John
McCandless, George Lindley
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McEntyre, Dan Hugh
McGlashan, Charles Fayette
McKee, Edwin Harvey
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
McMarten, John Alexander
McMasters, James Curtin
Meister, August
Meister, George Albert
Menke, Anton
Meyer, Johann Gerhard
Molter, Jacob Philip
Morrison, James Mathew
Nathan, Samuel
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Noack, Charles John
Ochsner, John
O'Neil, James
Peck, Nelson Stanley
Peterson, William Frederick
Phipps, Charles Edward
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Platt, Philemon Eli
Putnam, George Prescott
Rego, Edward Sutherland
Reid, Thomas Benton
Robie, Ira C.
Scheunert, Carl Emil
Schmid, Emil
Schroth, John George
Scott, Thomas James
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Shonefelt, William Domer
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Thomas
Springsted, Ernest Willard
Stephenson, William Albert
Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Steffens, Joseph
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Stoll, Benjamin Franklin
Sweany, John
Teichart, Adolph
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
Vermilya, Abram John
Wachhorst, Eugene Stuart
Webb, Charles Augustus
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Weil, Edward Adolph
White, George Amos
Wiard, William Frederick
Wilder, Joel Osgood
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Woodburn, James
Woodward, George Allen
Wright, Charles Edward
Yardley, Herber Edward
Young, John Nelles
Young, Lamartine Wilson—204.

EXCLUDED:

Mills, James Edgar
Gray, Alexander Isaac—2

DIED:

Chapman, Bernard Henry	Gruhler, John
Clark, Jerome Franklin	Just, John Peter
Dresbach, William	Stanley, Leander
Gable, Harvey Clinton	Stevens, John Dickson—8

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	209	Excluded	2
Greeted	3	Died	8
Affiliated	2—214.	Now borne upon the roll	204—214.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Ascroft, *Th Ill. Master*,	Albert Michael Wapple, *C. of Guards*,
George William Bauer, *Dep. Ill. M.*,	Michael John Kelley, *Conductor*,
Henry Gilman Prince, *Prin. C. W.*,	Henry Nathaniel Hoffman, *Steward*,
Charles Lord Field, *Treasurer*,	Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Recorder*,	Geo. Washington Perkins, *Sentinel*,

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Thomas Kyle, *P. G. M.*,	George Penlington, *P. G. M.*,
Franklin Henry Day, *P. G. M.*,	Henry Ascroft, *P. G. M.*,
Charles Lord Field, *P. G. M.*,	Robert Ash, *P. G. M.*

SELECT MASTERS:

Abraham, Max	Baum, Simon
Aitken, John *R*	Benedict, Courtland Smith
Allen, Richard Spicer	Bingham, William Alexander
Andres, George Samuel	Black, Howard
Andrews, Thomas *P*	Blossom, Henry Eckford
Armstrong, George Robert	Bohls, Henry
Ayers, Clarence Warwick	Bone, Charles
Baker, Charles Henry	Bonney, Charles Sumner
Barclay, Robert Henry	Bragg, Robert
Bassett, Charles Follen	Broder, Robert Chidley
Bauer, Adolph Charles	Bromley, George Tisdale
Bauer, Chris. John	Browell, Jeremiah
Baum, David Andrew	Brown, Henry Adams

Bruce, James Henderson
Brunings, John Henry
Bruns, Henry Frederick
Bullock, John Henry
Bunker, Robert Elmer
Callinan, William
Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Chapman, Edward Kirk
Christian, Ceasar
Clark, George Dickson
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans
Cluness, William Ross
Code, Philip *D*
Conlisk, Charles William
Cox, Alexander Middleton
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Cross, Charles Vernon
Daggett, John Randolph
Davies, Llewellyn
Davis, Burt Lincoln
Davis, Henry Harvey
Davis, Winfield Scott
Day, Thomas Henry
Decker, Charles William
De Guerre, Albert Sydney Johnston
Dietterle, George
Dobler, Charles
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dominguez, Richard Arthur
Dow, Edwin Tyson
Dragomanovich, Spiro *S G*
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty
Dunn, James
Dunne, James Patrick
Durbrow, Ross Lewis
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Eddy, Richard *A*
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Elliot, Charles Emery
Ferguson, Phineas Fanning
Ferson, James Alfred
Fetz, Joseph, Jr.
Feudner, Martin Otto
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Foster, Arthur William
Fraser, John *P*
Frolich, Theodore
Gage, William Stebbins
Gagnon, Michael
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Gehret, Frederick
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Getz, Marcus
Giles, Frederick *N*
Goldman, Max
Goodyear, Everett Farnum
Grauerholz, Henry John
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Haas, David Leopold
Hale, Reuben Brooks
Hall, Otho Norris
Hallett, Alonzo
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hare, Elias *C*
Harris, Thomas Voel
Hatch, James Henry
Hathorn, Ralph La Forest
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Hawks, James Lawrence
Hellwig, Christian
Henning, Hans Theodore
Highton, Henry Edward
Hobbs, John Kimble Carlton
Hopkins, Timothy
Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hromada, Adolph

Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Huested, Orson Justus
Huff, William Henry Routin
Hutchings, Hiram Samuel
Jacobs, Albert Pocorny
Jellison, Benjamin Franklin
Jewett, George Albert
Johnson, Albert de Montfredy
Johnson, George
Jones, Edward Campbell
Kent, Thaddeus Benning
Kern, Morris James
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Kimball, Roy Thurston
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Koenig, Frank
Kohler, Henry
Kramer, Louis George
Krieg, Anton
Ladd, Frank Bacon
Landgrebe, Robert George
Law, Hartland
Lawrence, William Babcock
Lee, John, Jr.
Lent, Samuel Lancaster
Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Lippman, George W
Logan, Milburn Hill
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lucas, John William
Lucas, Walter Edward
Lyman, William Whittingham
Lynch, Henry Hudson
Lyon, William Henry
Madison, Henry Bennett
Mangrum, Arthur Sherman
Manner, Charles Vogt
Manning, Horatio Seymour
Marsh, John Alfred
McCarty, James
McMillan, Robert
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Meston, Robert
Metzner, Charles Francis
Meyer, Arthur
Miller, Thurlow Spragge
Mills, William Lucas Bisset
Montealegre, Carlos Francisco
Moore, Andrew
Morgan, Charles Augustus
Murdock, George Leonard
Murphy, Charles Henry
Myrson, Simon
Nagle, Richard Hamilton
Neuhaus, Christian Henry Fred.
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Newman, George Howard
Norcross, Daniel
Noteware, Edward Washington
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Parker, Theodore Roosevelt
Patton, Charles Lewis
Payne, Warren Ritch
Peck, Philip
Perine, George Mairs
Perkins, Samuel Henry
Perley, Albion Starbird
Phillips, William Rippard
Price, Thomas
Price, William Edmund
Reis, John O'Neal
Rennie, William
Ridley, Arthur Ernest Brooke
Riley, John Francis
Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Ryan, Michael
Sabin, John Ira
Schetzel, Adolph Georg
Schmidt, Georg Wilhelm
Schmidt, Valentine
Schreiber, Martin August William
Scott, Henry Wilson

Seibel, Philipp
Seymour, Simon Harry
Siminoff, Morris
Smith, Lewis Warren
Smith, William Jacob
Soule, Arthur Calvin
Soulé, William Lloyd Garrison
Spaulding, James Garfield
Speier, Bernard
Stallman, Charles Christian
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stephenson, Edward
Stockfleth, John
Stoddart, Augustus Wynne
Sumner, Frank William
Swain, Edward Robinson
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thomas, Harry Walter
Thompson, George
Thompson, George Howard
Tönningsen, John
Trebell, Thomas
Twomey, James
Van Bergen, Henry
Vanderhurst, William
Veen, Frank Joseph
Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alexander Barack
Walker, Robert Andrew
Walter, Henry Franklin
Warwick, James Blain
Welch, Willard Choate, Jr.,
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
Whitcomb, Frank Randolph
Wiley, George Adrian
Williams, George Henry
Williams, Harry Alston
Willman, Alexander
Wilson, Charles Harold
Woodbury, Warren Dean
Woodside, Alexander
Young, Shirley Trever—256.

WITHDRAWN:

Baldwin, Alfred Walton
Iredale, Charles Winslow
Jones, William Arthur
Morffew, Thomas
Younger, William John—5.

EXCLUDED:

Christie, James Alexander
Elias, Edward—2.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Dougherty, Charles Medley
Frenzel, Erdman August
Jost, Charles
Jost, Charles, Jr.
Jost, William Rheinhard
Kincaid, John Evans
Osborn, Lamartine—7.

DIED:

Birch, William Henry
Chesley, Charles Palmer
Dean, Peter
Doud, Aaron
Knapp, Henry Hay
Ward, William—6.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report...258
Greeted..... 18—276.

Withdrawn 5
Excluded 2
Suspended for N. P. D.... 7
Died 6
Now borne upon the roll...256—276.

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Alexander Cameron Irwin, *Th. Ill. M.*, Albert Julius Menz, *Capt. of Guards*,
Wm. Andrew Lowrey, *Dep. Ill. M.*, John George MacLellan, *Conductor*,
Charles *E* Stone, *P. C. of Works*, Thomas Hugh Kernan, *Steward*,
Barnard Ross Boorman, *Treasurer*, Peter Engel, *Organist*,
James Fred Eastman, *Recorder*, Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles *E* Stone, Lemuel, Trescott Crane,
Atkins Clark Bingham, Frank *B* Miller,
Meyer *A* Marcuse, William Andrew Lowrey,
Charles Milton Patterson, Alexander Cameron Irwin.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Belcher, Richard
Berry, James McConnell
Brockman, John Henry
Burner, Henry
Buttelman, Frederick William
Carpenter, George Washington
Cohn, Isaac Giballe
Crew, Alexander Hill
Durfee, Joseph
Ellis, William Turner
Ewell, Samuel
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hauss, Ferdinand
Hochstadter, Simon
Hopkins, Allen Bruscup
Hutchins, Gavin Walker
Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Lewek, Solomon
Moore, Frank Thomas
Mould, William
Peacock, William Flint
Peck, William Francis
Price, Charles John
Rogers, Samuel Josiah Smith
Sanborn, Miles Edward
Schuler, Conrad
Sieber, Henry Frederick
Skinner, Randolph Whitney
Slingsby, William
Stafford, William Henry
Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha—49.

WITHDRAWN:

Webb, Charles Augustus—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....50 Withdrawn..... 1
Now borne upon the roll.....49—50.

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Frank Wilson Street, *Th. Ill. Master*, Charles Edward Street, *Recorder*,
Elisha Tolman Gould, *Dep. Ill. Mas.*, Crittenden Hampton, *C. of Guards*,
Eduard Keil, *Prin. Con. of Works*, Alonzo Colby, *Conductor*,
John Mundorf, *Treasurer*, Charles Henry Burden, *Steward*,
Abraham Barlow, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Eduard Keil, Frank Wilson Street.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adair, Charles Francis
Barton, Eugene Hamilton
Clough, Fred'k Warren
Eastman, William White
Eslick, Charles
Fontana, Charles Domenick
Hender, Thomas Arthur Stiles
Johns, Samuel Joseph
Johnson, Andrew Porter
Johnson, Peter
Knudsen, Nils Ladefoged
Koch, William Alexander
Lagomarsino, James
Lane, Tom Travis
Langford, James Terry
Linsley, Carlos Shelton
Littlefield, John Franklin
Long, Wilbur
Loring, William Joseph
Madson, Arthur Gustave
Miller, Valentine William
More, Grant Starr
Morgan, John Stilwell, Jr.
Morgan, Frank Albert
Morgans, Morgan Philip
Nicol, George Woodburn
Nuner, Charles Glover
Nuner, William Marble, Jr.
Oliver, Dew Rodger
Obrien, James Timothy
O'Connell, John Henry
Patterson, Archibald
Paulsen, Hans Christian
Preston, Howard Alvin
Raggio, Joseph
Rainville, Alfred Hercules
Ratz, Frederick Henry
Roberts, David E.
Shine, John Henry
Wells, Thomas Washington
Witney, John Lorin
Yossi, John Frederick—51.

WITHDRAWN:

Morrison, John Chambers—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Long, William Giles—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....44	Withdrawn..... 1
Greeted..... 9—53.	Suspended for N. P. D..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll....51—53.

SHASTA COUNCIL, No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Morris Mehon, *Th. Ill. Master*, Adolphus Bystle, *Recorder*,
Jewett Scranton, *Deputy Ill. M.*, James Chester Teass, *C. of the G'ds*,
John William Garden, *P. C. Works*, George Crone Strode, *Conductor*,
William Alexander Boswell, *Treas'r*, Benjamin McCrum, *Steward*,
Gunther Frederick Charles Schroter, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle, *P. G. M.*, Albert Frederick Ross,
Morris Mehon.

SELECT MASTERS:

Andrews, William	Miller, Thomas Love
Beard, John Samuel	Murphy, Sylvanus Everett
Bell, Joseph Evans	Nichols, James Levin
Blossom, Robert Hurd	Nicholson, Thomas Jamerson
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus	Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Cahoone, William Brower	Prim, Franklin Pierce
Fish, William Andrew	Reynolds, John Edward
Gardner, Elias Dehaven	Richardson, James Lee
Gillispie, William J.	Rosland, Oscar *O*
Hall, Joseph *N*	Rowles, James
Hawkins, Divine Zacharias	Satterlee, Frank Peck
Hunt, William Broderick	Scott, John *V*
Hurst, Ferdinand	Scammon, James Freeman
Jacobson, Charles	Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Kimball, Gorham Gates	Smith, Champion *W*
Labonte, Francis Xavier	Strode, John Sale
Lambson, Giles Hamman	Sweeny, Edward
Lowden, William Spencer	Weil, Joseph
McCoy, Leo Lewis	Wimmer, James Moses—49.

DIED:

Andrews, Alexander Robertson
Dobrowsky, Adolph
Ross, Herman Frederick—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....49
Greeted..... 3—52.
Died 3
Now borne upon the roll.....49—52.

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9

Helena, Montana.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*,
William McClatchey, *D. Ill. Master*,
Joseph J. Hindson, *P. C. of W.*,
Michael Reinig, *Treasurer*,
George Booker, *Recorder*,
Francis Doremus Jones, *Capt. of G.*,
David W. Middlemas, *Conductor*,
Jacob Longacre Walker, *Steward*,
William Dulin Smith, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornelius Hedges, Sr.,
Walter E. Frederick,
James W. Hathaway,
William McClatchey,
Henry M. Parchen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Cater, Charles *S*
Cook, Andrew B.
Cowden, Henry
Cummings, Pat W.
Edgar, Alfred D.
Featherman, James Benjamin
Featherman, John A.
Garrett, Clarence B.
Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin *M*
Jones, Louis L.
Kirkendall, Thomas B.
Kleinschmidt, Theodore H.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
McCann, William Henry
McNamee, James F.
Neill, Edward D
Nolan, Cornelius B.
Palmer, Alex. L.
Robinson, Jeremiah
Schwab, Samuel
Sederburg, Albert W.
Sommers, Henry
Spalding, William Scott
Stewart, William Wallace
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Turton, John Booth
Walk, Walter W.
Wood, George R.
Wommelsdorf, Emil—45.

WITHDRAWN:

Jackson, George Washington
Murphy, John
Page, Clarence V.—3.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Guthrie, Henry H.—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....47	Withdrawn..... 3
Greeted ..... 2—49.	Suspended for N. P. D..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....45—49.

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Charles Willis Norton, *T. Ill. M.*, Geo. Alex. McKenzie, *P. G. M., R'r*,
William Peter Steinbeck, *D. Ill. M.*, Henry Ephriam Robbins, *C. of G'ds*,
Durrett Oliver Castle, *P. C. Works*, Edward Clement Stewart, *Conductor*,
James Webb Smith, *Treasurer*, William Grant Phipps, *Steward*,
Charles Edward Howe, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies, *P. G. M.*, Alexander Chalmers.
Edward Richards Hedges, *P. G. M.*,

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Charles Campbell	Cobb, Frank Dyckman
Bachmann, Carl August	Cross, Samuel Nelson
Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins	Dalby, Samuel Price
Bennett, Paul Witherly	Fitzgerald, Wm. Wesley
Blodgett, John Millard	Fraser, Philip Thomas
Bransford, Edgar McDowell	Friedberger, Arnold
Brown, Philip Thomas	Friedberger, Leo
Buckland, Leonard Harrison	Garwood, John
Caine, John	Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
Catts, George Elbert	Hadcock, David
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet	Harrison, William Bruce
Clark, Fred Pope	Henderson, Milton Pierce

Henderson, Orrin Staples
Hickox, Francis Gaylord
Hood, Edward Elbridge
Jory, John
Kennedy, Hallie Charles
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Kincaid, Fred Llewellyn
Lane, Frank Ellis
Langford, George William
Latta, Samuel Eikenbarry
Lorenz, William Henry
Mallett, Albert
McCreary, Edward Davis
McLeod, John *H*
Miller, John Henry
Muenter, August Edward
Noble, Arthur Morgan
Peart, Luke W.
Peterson, Richard Letcher
Powell, Barton Jerome
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Isaac Henry
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Russell, Richard William
Schlichtman, Claus
Seeley, John Whitney
Shaw, Henry Coffin
Shurtleff, George Augustus
Sink, Reuben Henry
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Sperry, George Barker
Stone, William Henry
Swain, Cornelius
Swain, Joseph Henry
Thompson, Edward Rees
Tindall, Pleasant Hay
Wittenmayer Lewis Cass
Yardley, John—76.

EXCLUDED:

Beede, Wm. Morris Stewart—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....63	Excluded 1
Greeted.....14—77.	Now borne upon the roll.....76—77.

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Francis Hughes, *T. Ill. M.*, James Arthur Reid, *Recorder*,
Willis Milner Dixon, *D. Ill. M.*, James William Webster, *Capt. of G.*,
Warren, Edward Rowley, *P. C. of W.*, William Henry Gaynor, *Conductor*,
Walter Clements Durgin, *Treasurer*, Thomas Martin Barrow, *Steward*,
Edward Hall Miller, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme, *P. G. M.*,
Granville Quincy Stewart,
Robert Gilmore Cunningham,
August Wackerbarth, *P. G. M.*,
Julius Brousseau,
Wm. Byron Scarborough, *P. G. M.*,
George Sinsabaugh,
David Monroe Sutherland.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Horace Bishop
Armstrong, George
Arnold, William Ralph
Arnoldt, Herman
Aylsworth, George Webb
Bagby, Edwin Hanson
Bagley, Charles Leland
Baldwin, Cornelius Vanoy
Barden, Edward Everett
Beckett, Wesley Wilbur
Belcher, Harry Arthur
Bernard, Gustav Adolph George
Bicknell, John Dustin
Biescar, Henry
Bille, Marsello
Billington, Theophilus
Blackmer, Eli Tucker
Blades, Paul Harcourt
Bliesner, William John
Bosbyshell, William
Boswell, Frank Moore
Bowen, John Wesley
Bradbeer, James *H*
Bradish, Avery Jackson
Branch, John Franklin
Braun, Henry
Bresee, Phineas Wright
Brill, William
Brink, John Edward
Brode, Alexander Charles
Brode, Walter Charles
Brodtbeck, Otto Walter
Brookman, Arthur
Brown, Charles Milton
Brown, John Alexander
Browning, Charles Clifton
Buchanan, James Alexander
Bulla, Robert Nelson
Bullis, Omri
Burns, Orin *L.*
Burns, Robert Wallace
Burr, Charles Martin
Burr, John
Campbell, Alfred Quincy
Campbell, John Mis
Cannon, John Stevens
Caswell, William Mitchell
Cave, Daniel
Chamberlain, William Edwin
Chase, Lucius Kurtz
Cline, William
Cohn, Elias
Colbert, Patrick
Conradi, Simon
Cooksey, Job Emit
Courey, Nathaniel Parrish
Crawford, James Seth
Cummings, William George
Cunningham, Frank *R*
Cunningham, John Calvin
Davis, Harvey
Dewey, James Henry
Donnell, John Alexander
Dornfield, Ferdinand Emil
Drain, John Hamilton
Drake, James Frederick
Drought, Robert
Eason, Charles Horace
Eckstrom, Albert Axel
Eichelberger, Harry Martin
Fairchild, John Anthony
Ferbert, John *C*
Ferris, Horace Bayles
Field, Benjamin Franklin

Fiscus, Joseph
Flint, Frank Putnam
Folsom, Niles Rathbone
Fordham, Milton Cephas
Foshay, James *A*
Fraisher, Robert Love
Francis, Ira Johnson
Fraser, Leonidas Polk
Garthside, Joseph Relton
Gehrkens, William Henry
Getchell, Charles Edward
Gillis, Robert Cowan
Glass, Henry
Goehring, John George
Gotthelf, David
Greene, Emery Taylor
Grubb, Oscar Edwin
Guthrie, Finis William
Habel, George Henry
Hamburger, Moses Asher
Hamilton, Harley Erastus
Hanselman, John Wesley
Harper, Arthur Cyprian
Hart, Alexander Hamilton
Hart, Frank John
Hart, George Alandson
Haskell, John Condit
Henderson, Andrew
Henderson, William Alexander
Henderson, William Hutchinson
Herr, George Frederick
Herron, Fred Irvine
Herron, Rufus Hills
Hervey, William Rhodes
Hiatt, William Macy
Hines, Fred Amos
Holland, Lauren Thomas
Hollingsworth, Wm. Irving
Houselibe, William John
Howry, Charles DeForest
Hubbard, William Lewis
Illich, Gerolomo
Jacobi, Louis
Jones, John Taylor
Jones, Mark *G*
Jordan, Franklin
Jeffries, William Parrish
Jeffries, William Thomas
Kieth, George Frank
Kingsley, John Amos
King, John
Kinney, Arthur Wilson
Kitchen, John Franklin
Knickerbocker, Niles
Krempel, John Paul
Lander, Benjamin Stewart
Lang, Fred Selwyn
Langdon, Frederick Sylvester
Leix, Frederick
Levy, Michael
Lloyd, Charles
Long, James William
Louis, Emanuel *J*
Lovett, William Watson
Ludlow, George Watson
Mack, Patrick Henry
Maier, Simon
Mart, Charles
Martin, Julius Herbert
Masters, John Henry
Masters, Robert Emmett
Matheson, John Luther
McAllister, Frank Allister
McAllister, James Pinkerton
McClurkin, William John
McComas, Charles
McCray, Morris Lynn
McFie, William Thomas
McLeod, John A.
Mead, Charles Abiel
Medina, John Blancarte
Melczer, Joseph
Merrill, Joseph Lane
Merwin, Andrew Homer
Meserve, Frank Pierce
Meyer, Samuel
Miller, John McCalmont
Mitchell, Charles Edward

Moore, Thomas Edward
Morgan, Addison
Morgan, Oscar Crellin
Morgan, William Adams
Morris, John Wood
Morrison, Wm. Edward Domville
Mott, Albert Clark
Mueller, Oscar Charles
Murphy, Claire Warren
Murphy, Joseph Lannes
Murray, Alexander Wilson
Murray, John Emmett
Mussey, Nathaniel Dickson
Myrick, Nathaniel Willis
Nightingale, John Henry
Off, John William Arnold
Owens, Madison Townsend
Pallette, Edward M.
Parker, Francis Marion
Paul, John Rink
Pease, Niles
Pease, Sherman
Peck, Daniel Guager
Pendell, Charles Elisha
Perry, John Sargent
Petteborne, Henry Wells
Pfaffinger, Frank Xavier
Pillsbury, George Eber
Poundstone, Jacob
Powers, Edward Everett
Preston, Jasper Newton
Renfro, Alva D.
Rhodes, Allin Lee
Rideout, William Andrew
Rockwell, Lorenzo Anson
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Ross, Frederick Wm.
Rule, Ferd Kennett
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Scheerer, Conrad
Schmidt, Fred Wilhelm Theodore
Schuler, Louis Herman
Sebastine, Charles Edward
Sexton, Charles Wesley
Shelton, Harry Ashton
Sherman, Moses Hazeltine
Smith, Charles Alton
Smith, Everett Russell
Smith, Henry Augustus
Smith, Joseph Augustus
Smith, Melvin David
Smith, William Albert
Spence, William Glenn
Spinks, Wallace Humphrey
Stephens, Wm. Dennison
Stewart, George Hadley
Storrow, Samuel
Strassburg, Edward
Strohm, Thomas
Suits, Elihu Daniel
Sweet, Otto
Talmage, James Clark
Thayer, Joseph Harriot
Thompson, Chester Weaver
Thompson, Omer Cones
Thomson, Robert Mossman
Thompson, John Scott Vance De C.
Trobeck, John August
Tuttle, Victor Hugo
Uhl, George
Urmston, John Kreck
Valiant, George Francis
Valentine, William Lucas
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Varcoe, George
Variel, Robert Henry Fauntleroy
Vawter, Edwin James
Vetter, Louis Fisher
Vignolo, Ambrogio
Vogel, Herman Oscar
Wade, Robert David
Walker, Daniel Henry
Wankowski, Robert
Ward, Ben F.
Wardell, Ralph Hewitt
Watson, George Samuel
Weber, John

Weidner, Peter
Wheeler, Horace Marcellus
Wheeler, Emanuel Randolph
Whiting, Perry
Willis, Frank Rominar
Wood, Charles Modini
Yarnell, Caleb Amos
Young, John William
Youngworth, Leo Valtus—276.

WITHDRAWN:

Dunsmoore, Charles Henry
Frary, Leander Warren
Freeman, Oscar Otto
Geohegan, Harry
McGregory, William Whitney
Porter, Lafayette Seward
Richardson, Warren Josiah
Rolfe, Horace Cowan
Rossiter, John Cormley
Skyrme, George Washington
Willett, Charles Joseph
Williams, Romayne—12.

EXCLUDED

Kemper, Singleton Thomas—1.

DIED:

Edwards, George Robert
Ennis, Charles L.
Guthrie, Churchill Philips
Lawrance, Joseph Martin
Marx, Ralph Edwin
Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Santee, Milton—7.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	242	Withdrawn	12
Greeted	54—296	Excluded	1
		Died	7
		Now borne upon the roll	276—296.

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, fifth Thursday of months having five Thursdays.

OFFICERS:

Charles Herbert Wever, *Th. Ill. M.*, George Henry Smith, *Recorder*,
George W. Baxley, *Dep. Ill. M.*, William John Chessney, *Capt. of G.*,
Edward Harrison Morgan, *P. C. W.*, Frank Reeve Woolsey, *Conductor*,
W. Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*, Fred Duane Voorhees, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett, *P. G. M.*
James Bestor Merritt, *P. G. M.*
W. Frank Pierce, *P. G. M.*
Edward Harrison Morgan,
Webb Nicholson Pearce,
Edwin Allen Sherman,
Eugene Carmeny,
Edward Constant Robinson,
William Clay Smith,
Robert Edgar,
Amasa Wright Bishop,
Augustus Lewis Ott,
Damien Edmont Fortin,
Albert H. Merritt,
John Alexander Britton,
George Henry Smith.

SELECT MASTERS:

Aiken, Ilio R.
Allen, Chas. Hamilton
Austin, Harry
Avery, Mark Herbert
Badger, Thomas Norman
Bahls, Richard
Bates, Joseph Clement
Beckwith, John A.
Bell, Harmon
Bergsten, Oscar Paulus
Bice, John
Bilger, Frank William
Blohm, Charles Henry
Bradley, John Tilford
Breed, Arthur Hastings
Brown, Lewis Henry
Browne, Henry Rosekrans
Brunner, Henry Ernest
Bullock, Richard Steele
Burrell, Alfred William
Buteau, Samuel Hall
Cahill, Patrick
Carman, Frank Vanvy
Chalmers, George Fred
Clark, William Amir
Clawiter, Edward Henry
Corder, Arthur Elmer
Cowell, Charles Herbert
Cozzens, Arthur Eugene
Crellin, Thomas Arthur
Crooks, John Chisholm
Crossman, William Thomas
Cull, William Davenport
Cushing, Frank Worthy
Dailey, William Curtis
Dallam, Fred Boothby
Dalton, Henry Philip
Davis, Lucien Dwight
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
Dibert, Wayne Clay
Douglass, Charles Henry
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Ely, Ralph Asahel
Emerson, Harry Wylie
Emigh, Thomas Powell
Evans, Charles
Evans, Robert Griffith
Evers, John Henry
Ferrier, Francis
Fisher, George Cresse
Flood, Alfred James
Foster, Newell Kelley
French, Robert Ellsworth
Friend, Roger Benjamin
Fulton, William
Gilbert, Ethan Allen
Gilpin, Zachary Taylor
Glines, Herbert Atherton
Gompertz, Walter Alexander
Goodman, George
Graham, Francis Elmer
Granger, Farley Benjamin
Grau, Edward Arnold
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gregory, Calvin Levi

Gunn, Adam Francis
Hahn, Henry Casper
Hamilton, William Thomas
Handy, Brayton Everington
Hansen, Albert Lauritz
Hansen, Peter Christian
Hawes, Benjamin Cowell
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Heeseman, Charles J.
Hewes, Charles Leslie
Hill, Otis
Holmgren, John Alexander
Hopper, John Frederick E.
Horner, Charles F.
Hume, William Robert
Hunt, Charles Melville
Huxley, Thomas Charles
Jackson, Alton Cass
Johnson, Christian Ole
Jones, Algernon Sydney
Kales, Martin William
Keiser, Chris
Kempkey, Augustus F. K.
Kendall, Alpheus
Knowland, Joseph
Knowland, Joseph Alexander
Koser, Newton Alexander
Lancaster, Americus V.
Leach, Abraham Powell
Long, Charles Stuart
Lord, Carlos Reuben
Manuel, Walter Griswold
Marlin, Henry B.
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Martin, Henry Vassel
Martin, John
Mauzy, Byron
May, Henry
McClain, Joseph
McClymonds, John William
McNulty, Harry James
Meek, Harry Wert
Meek, Rudolph Wallace
Meek, William Ellsworth
Meese, Constant
Meredith, James Washington
Metcalf, George Dixon
Metcalf, Solon Theres
Michaels, Henry
Miller, Thomas Irving
Minor, Robert
Mobley, Warren G.
Morris, Moses
Moulthrop, Carlton Francis
Nordman, Peter
Nutting, Charles Wilber
O'Donnell, Francis Henry E.
Ohea, George Harvey
Owen, William Henry Searls
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall
Payne, George Henry
Peterson, Anders
Phillips, John Waterman
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Prowse, Charles
Randall, Charles Wells
Robbins, Henry Russell
Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Russell, Thomas Bartlett
Sansom, John A.
Schleuter, Edward C.
Schleuter, Herman F.
Schrock, William A.
Scott, John Walter
Slater, Urates Majer
Smith, Graham
Smith, Kirby Bounty
Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Spreckels, Richard
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Taylor, James Howard
Thomas, Charles Frank
Thompson, Robert Crawford
Thompson, Frank Bartlett
Tuttle, Hiram Sinclair
Volmer, Rudolph
Walker, Percy John
Walsh, Edward Marion

Watson, Franklin Granville
Webster, Leander Rankin
Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Werner, Edward Peter
Whipple, Edwin
Whitmore, Welles
Wight, Frederick Gordon
Williams, John
Williamson, Willard Forsyth
Woodin, Eugene
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablowsky, John—188.

WITHDRAWN:

Knowles, Edwin H.—1.

EXCLUDED:

Hewes, Charles Wesley—1.

DIED:

Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Wall, Joseph George—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	155	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	36	Excluded	1
Affiliated	1—192.	Died	2
		Now borne upon the roll.	188—192.

GATEWAY COUNCIL, No. 13.

Auburn, Placer County.

Stated meetings, third Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John M. Fulweiler, *Th. Ill. Master*, David Wlademer Lubeck, *Recorder*,
Alex. K. Robinson, *Dep. Ill. Master*, Jonathan Fulton, *C. of Guards*,
William Albert Crowell, *Prin. C. W.*, William Isaac May, *Conductor*,
Alfred Lovell Smith, *Treasurer*, William Craig Anderson, *Steward*,
Thomas Milton Todd, *Organist*, Frederick Solon Stevens, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Jacob Hart Neff, *P. G. M.*
John Gould Bisbee, *Gr. M.*

SELECT MASTERS:

Ackerman, Francis Marion
Ahlborn, Charles Joseph H.
Akers, Charles Duval
Anderson, Albert Wallace
Bell Joseph Vincent
Birdsall, Ernest Stratton
Brown, Edward Doyle
Chappellet, Felix, Jr.
Coffin, Isaac Tibbetts
Coombs, William
Cowan, Gordon Robinson
Curtis, Henry Chittenden
Davis, Frederick Calvin
Delano, Ira Lemuel
Disque, Henry
Duggan, Charles Martin
Gladding, Albert James
Haenny, John
Hawk, Elbridge Lafayette
Jansen, Walter
Kendall, Edward John
Lardner, William Branson
Linninger, Michael David
Mardis, Benjamin Allen
Martin, Charles
McAninch, John
McAulay, George
Michael, Martin
Nicholls, William, Jr.
Pemberton, George Francis
Powers, Amos Mathews
Roberts, Robert William
Rooney, Robert Fleming
Safford, John Coleman
Smith, Benjamin Franklin
Sparks, William Martin
Stevens, Amos
Stevenson, Thomas
Woodard, John Carlton—51.

WITHDRAWN:

House, John Lorin—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Laurence, Daniel Mack—1.

DIED:

Chisholm, John—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....53	Withdrawn..... 1
Greeted ..... 1—54.	Suspended..... 1
	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll. ....51—54.

SANTA ANA COUNCIL, No. 14.

Santa Ana, Orange County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edwin Dumont Buss, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Akerman Whidden, *Recorder*,
Walter Maxwell Scott, *Dep. Ill. M'ter*, Max Reinhaus, *Captain of Guards*,
James William King, *Prin. C. W.*, Charles D. Fairbanks, *Conductor*,
Robert Francis Chilton, *Treasurer*, Harry George Upham, *Steward*,
John Saxon Haywood, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

James William Towner, James Hedges Hall,
James Dean Wilder.

SELECT MASTERS:

Balcom, Balys Greenwood
Ball, Charles Dexter
Bisby, Robert Lee
Bowers, Addison Crockett
Bradford, Albert Sumner
Bundy, Milton John
Buck, John Henry
Burke, Orin Harry
Clark, George Crook
Coltrin, Amador Francis
Conn, Frederick
Cushman, Ruggles Allerton
Deyoe, Frederick Theodore
Diers, Henry
Dryer, John Lewis
Fairbanks, Harlan
Frampton, George Reed
Gamble, Austin Abram
Gildmacher, Joseph
Greeley, John Philip
Gregg, Walter Scott
Griffith, George Whitefield, Jr.
Harding, Foster William
Harvey, Leonard Frank
Hill, Samuel
Holgate, Schofield
Lee, Eugene Tewksbury
Leithead, William Wilson
Lovett, Charles Edward
Lutz, William Frederick
McCarric, Franklin
McTaggart, Neil Godfrey
Medlock, James Randolph
Menges, Marion Albert
Nichols, John Brown
Paine, James Robert
Preble, George Edward
Reinhaus, Julius
Richardson, Erwin Ellsworth
Royer, Daniel Franklin
Small, Lucien
Starbuck, Henry Fletcher
Tjerman, Thomas Benton
Toothaker, George Dexter
Trudo, Edward
Waffle, Edson Dwight
Watson, Kellar *E.*
Whitney, Mervin Newton
Wilkinson, Laurence Smith
Wood, William Bell—62.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Edleman, Charles—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....50	Suspended, N. P. D..... 1
Greeted.....12	Now borne upon the roll.....62—63.
Affiliated..... 1—63.	

VENTURA COUNCIL, No. 15.

Ventura, Ventura County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday after Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Frederick Wm. Baker, *Th. Ill. M'ter*, William Henry Turner, *Recorder*,
Willis Philip Lincoln, *Dep. Ill. M'ter*, George Cook, *Capt. of G.*,
Richard Owen Robinson, *Prin. C. W.*, Herbert Alvaro Giddings, *Conductor*,
John Stephenson Collins, *Treasurer*, William McGuire, *Steward*,
Truman Barrick Gosnell, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Master:

Albert Perham Hardy.

SELECT MASTERS:

Blackstock, Nehemiah	Engstrom, Frans Otto
Burson, George Washington	Kilson, George Elmer
Burson, Willis	Neel, Henra Harrison
Butcher, William Preston	Power, George Coffin
Carr, Phelitus Sprague	Rice, Thomas Alexander
Day, James Allen	Starkweather, Geo. Albert
Dennison, David Rhodes	Thompson, Mark—25.
Ely, Martin Juda	

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....25	Now borne upon the roll.....25.

PASADENA COUNCIL, NO. 16.

Pasadena, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday in each Month.

OFFICERS:

Charles Joseph Willett, *Th. Ill. M.*, Harry Geohegan, *Recorder*,
Romayne Williams, *Dep. Ill. M'er*, George Washington Skyrme, *C. of G.*,
Oscar Otto Freeman, *Prin. C. W.*, Leander Warren Frary, *Conductor*,
William Whitney McGregory, *Tr.*, Warren Josiah Richardson, *Steward*,
Lr Fayette Seward Porter, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Master:

George Washington Skyrme.

SELECT MASTERS.

Ball, Benjamin Franklin
Edwards, William Bryant
Fraser, Jefferson Carvesso
Grimes, Charles
Hughes, James Barr
Prasler, John
Perrin, Leonard
Rossiter, John Gormley
Sherry, Henry
Shibley, William
Smith, John Martin
Thompson, Neils Lewis
Vedder, William Henry—22.

RECAPITULATION:

Petitioners for Dispensation. 10 Now borne upon the roll.....22.
Greeted.....12—22.

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council June 26, A. Dep. 2860.

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS, ... *Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ... *Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Grand Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOHN ASHBY TUTT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*LOUIS COHN, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Grand Master;*
*LOUIS COHN, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1868.

*Joseph Isaacs,.....*Grand Master;*
Frederick Ferdinand Barss,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*William Franklin Knox,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Stephen Wing,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

Frederick Ferdinand Barss,.....*Grand Master;*
*Stephen Wing,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*Leonard Goss,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Thomas Kyle,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works*

1871.

*Stephen Wing,.....*Grand Master;*
Thomas Kyle,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

Thomas Kyle,.....*Grand Master;*
*William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

*William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Grand Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Edmund Taylor Wilkins,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Wm. Monroe Petrie,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
William Monroe Petrie,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Master;*
William Monroe Petrie,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Edward Richards Hedges,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Master;*
*EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1879.

*EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARD HEDGES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1886.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
W. FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
W. FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
W. FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
W. FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

W. FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1891.

W. FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1892.

W. FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1893.

*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1894.

GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1895.

CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1896.

WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1897.

HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1898.

ROBERT ASH, ... *Grand Master;*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JACOB HART NEFF, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1899.

AUGUST WACKERBARTH, ... *Grand Master;*
JACOB HART NEFF, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WM. B. SCARBOROUGH, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1900.

JACOB HART NEFF, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM B. SCARBOROUGH, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN GOULD BISBEE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1901.

WILLIAM BYRON SCARBOROUGH, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN GOULD BISBEE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1902.

JOHN GOUDD BISBEE, ... *Grand Master.*
ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT ..... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DAVID MONROE SUTHERLAND ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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SAN FRANCISCO.

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SAN FRANCISCO.

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WILLIAM A. DAVIES,

Grand Recorder.

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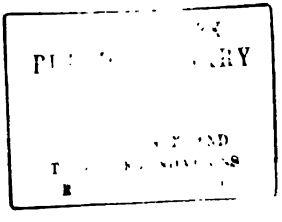

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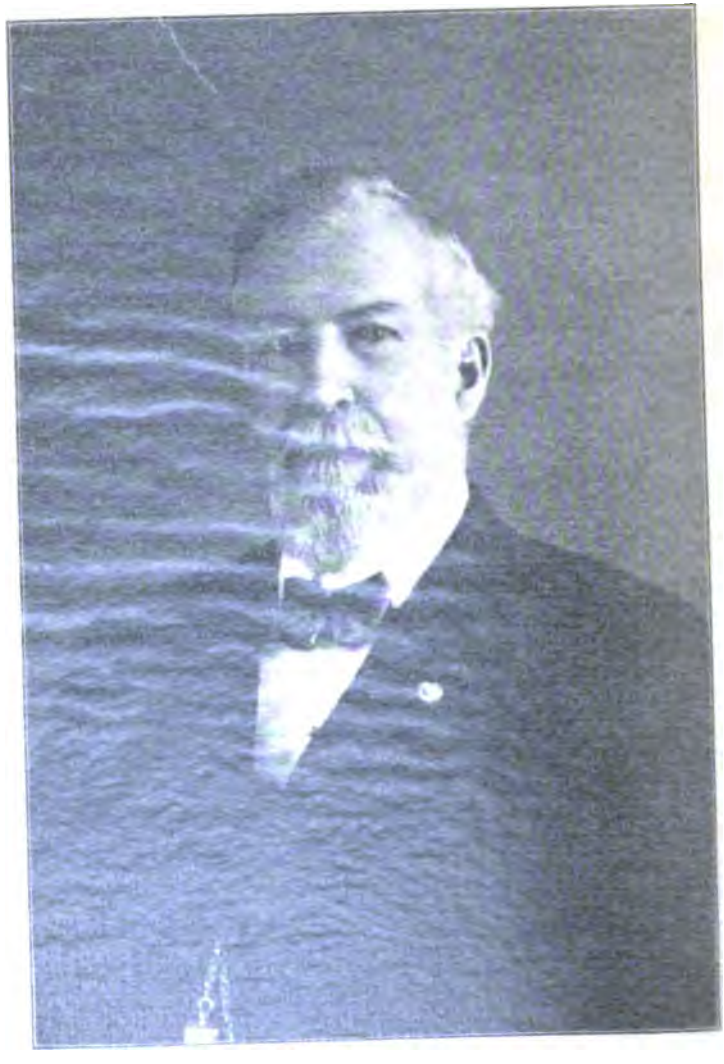

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OF THE

M.·. I.·. GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT ITS

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

HELD AT THE

MASONIC TEMPLE, IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

ON

MONDAY, APRIL 20TH, A. D. 1903, A. DEP. 2903.

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GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

Officers Elected at the Annual Assembly April 20, A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903.

M.·. I.·. ALBERT H. MERRITT, GRAND MASTER.....*Oakland.*
R.·. I.·. DAVID M. SUTHERLAND, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER..*Los Angeles.*
R.·. I.·. EDUARD KEIL, { GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS. } ..... *Sonora.*
R.·. I.·. WILLIAM A. DAVIES, GRAND RECORDER .....*San Francisco.*
R.·. I.·. FRANKLIN H. DAY, GRAND TREASURER.....*San Francisco.*
R.·. I.·. THOMAS KYLE, GRAND CHAPLAIN..... .....*San Francisco.*
R.·. I.·. HENRY ASCROFT, GRAND LECTURER.....*San Francisco.*
R.·. I.·. JAMES HEDGES HALL, { GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS. } .....*Santa Ana.*
R.·. I.·. CHARLES JOSEPH WILLETT, { GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL } .... *Pasadena.*
R.·. I.·. CHARLES WILLIS NORTON, GRAND STEWARD .....*Stockton.*
Ill.·. SAMUEL D. MAYER, GRAND ORGANIST.....*San Francisco.*
Ill.·. GEO. WASHINGTON PERKINS, { GRAND SENTINEL } ...*San Francisco*

GENERAL GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

1900-1903.

WILLIAM H. MAYO, St. Louis, Mo.....*General Grand Master*

ANDREW P. SWANSTROM, St. Paul, Minn....*General Grand Deputy Master*

HENRY C. LARRABEE, Baltimore, Md..*General Grand Principal Conductor*

CHARLES H. HEATON, Montpelier, Vt.....*General Grand Treasurer*

HENRY W. MORDHURST, Fort Wayne, Ind.....*General Grand Recorder*

*[redacted]..... ....*General Grand Chaplain*

GRAFF M. ACKLIN, Toledo, Ohio.....*General Grand Captain of Guard*

J. ALBERT BLAKE, Boston, Mass. ...*General Grand Conductor of Council*

EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, Ellsworth, Kansas.....*General Grand Marshal*

GEORGE A. NEWELL, Medina, N. Y.....*General Grand Steward*

NELSON WILLIAMS, Hamilton, Ohio.....*General Grand Sentinel*

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*JOHN WILSON CHAMBERLAIN, deceased.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters commenced its Forty-Third Annual Assembly in Masonic Temple, San Francisco, April 20, 1903, A. Dep. 2903, at ten o'clock A. M.

Upon calling the roll the following members were found present:

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN GOULD BISBEE.....*Grand Master;*
R.·. Ill.·. ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT...*Deputy Grand Master;*
R.·. Ill.·. DAVID M. SUTHERLAND .....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*
R.·. Ill.·. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY.....*Grand Treasurer;*
R.·. Ill.·. WM. ABRAHAM DAVIES.....*Grand Recorder;*
R.·. Ill.·. THOMAS KYLE.....*Grand Chaplain;*
R.·. Ill.·. HENRY ASCROFT.....*Grand Lecturer;*
R.·. Ill.·. EDUARD KEIL .....*Grand Captain of the Guards;*
R.·. Ill.·. JAMES HEDGES HALL.....*Grand Conductor of the Council;*
R.·. Ill.·. CHARLES JOSEPH WILLETT.....*Grand Steward;*
Ill.·. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER.....*Grand Organist;*
Ill.·. GEORGE WASHINGTON PERKINS.*Grand Sentinel.*

PAST GRAND MASTERS:

M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,
M.·. Ill.·. THOMAS KYLE,
M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,
M.·. Ill.·. EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,
M.·. Ill.·. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,
M.·. Ill.·. GEORGE PENLINGTON,
M.·. Ill.·. ROBERT ASH,
M.·. Ill.·. HENRY ASCROFT,
M.·. Ill.·. AUGUST WACKERBARTH,
M.·. Ill.·. JACOB HART NEFF,

Representatives of other Grand Councils:

M.·. I.·. W. Frank Pierce.....Arkansas
M.·. I.·. Jacob Hart Neff.....Colorado
T.·. I.·. Amasa W. Bishop.....England and Wales
M.·. I.·. Robert Ash.....Georgia
M.·. I.·. Albert H. Merritt.....Iowa
M.·. I.·. Henry Ascroft.....Kansas
M.·. I.·. Thomas Kyle.....Kentucky
M.·. I.·. Charles Lord Field.....Maine and New York
T.·. I.·. Jno. A. Britton.....Maritime Provinces
M.·. I.·. Franklin Henry Day.....Massachusetts
M.·. I.·. William Monroe Petrie.....Michigan
M.·. I.·. John Gould Bisbee.....Minnesota
T.·. I.·. David M. Sutherland.....Mississippi
M.·. I.·. George Penlington.....Missouri
M.·. I.·. Edward Richards Hedges.....New Hampshire and Penn.
M.·. I.·. John William Rock.....New Jersey
T.·. I.·. John Francis Hughes.....North Carolina
T.·. I.·. James Hedges Hall.....Ohio
I.·. Thomas Flint, Sr.....Rhode Island
M.·. I.·. Henry Sayre Orme.....Tennessee
M.·. I.·. William Abraham Davies.....Vermont
I.·. David Wademer Lubeck.....Washington

Constituent Councils.

Sacramento, No. 1, { William Monroe Petrie, Daniel Hyman, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

California, No. 2, { Henry Ascroft, Thrice Ill. Master; Henry N. Hoffman, Dep. Ill. Master; Henry Gilman Prince, Prin. Con. of Works; Franklin Henry Day, Charles Lord Field, George Penlington, Henry Ascroft, Robert Ash, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Marysville, No. 3, { Alexander Cameron Irwin, Th. Ill. Master and Past Th. Ill. Master.

Sonora, No. 5, { Crittenden Hampton, Thrice Ill. Master. Eduard Keil, Dep. Ill. Master and Past Thrice Ill. Master.

Stockton,....No. 10,..	CHARLES WILLIS NORTON, Thrice Ill. Master. DURRETT OLIVER CASTLE, Prin. Con. of Works; WILLIAM A. DAVIES, EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES	P. Th. Ill. Masters.
Los Angeles,..No. 11,..	WILLIS MILNER DIXON, Th. Ill. Master and Representative of the Council. HENRY SAYRE ORME, DAVID MONROE SUTHERLAND, JOHN FRANCIS HUGHES,	Past Thrice Ill. Masters.
Oakland,....No. 12,..	GEO. WASHINGTON BAXLEY, Th. Ill. Master; WILLIAM JOHN CHESNEY, Dep. Ill. Master; W. FRANK PIERCE, EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, ROBERT EDGAR, AMASA WRIGHT BISHOP, ALBERT H. MERRITT,	P. Th. Ill. Masters.
Gateway,....No. 13,..	WM. ALBERT CROWELL, Prin. Con. of Works; JACOB HART NEFF, JOHN GOULD BISBEE,	P. Th. Ill. Masters.
Santa Ana,..No. 14,.	JAMES HEDGES HALL, JAMES DEAN WILDER,	P. Th. Ill. Masters.
Pasadena,...No. 16,..	CHAS. JOSEPH WILLETT, Th. Ill. Master and Past Thrice Ill. Master.	

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials: *Ill.*·. Comps. CHARLES JOSEPH WILLETT, HENRY ASCROFT and EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, who, after a brief recess, reported the several officers, Representatives of Constituent Councils, Past Thrice Illustrious Masters and Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions as entitled to seats, and that there was a quorum present.

The report was adopted, and the Companions therein named were invited to seats in the Forty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California.

The Grand Council was then opened in Ample Form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain and music by the choir.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Conclave was dispensed with, the members being furnished with the printed Journal thereof.

A report was received from Past Grand Master WILLIAM B. SCARBOROUGH concerning the Grand Council of Illinois. He reported that great Jurisdiction as enjoying abundant success, and conveyed the greetings of that Grand Council to the Grand Council of California.

The Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions present were recognized and addressed by Grand Master BISBEE, and in response they reported the condition of their respective Jurisdictions and extended the congratulations of each to the Grand Council of California upon the bright outlook for Cryptic Masonry at the commencement of the new century.

The Grand Master then delivered the following Address:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:

Illustrious Companions of the Grand Council of California:

In accordance with the provisions of the Grand Council of California the Grand Master is required to report the official acts of his administration for the passing year, and to make such recommendations as in his opinion would result in increased prosperity to the Orders exemplified in Cryptic Masonry. Before discharging this duty, my Companions, let us unite in silent invocation to the Supreme Author of all good, offering thanks for past blessings with our humble petition for a continuance of his favor.

The year has been a fairly prosperous one, resulting in a net gain of one hundred and forty-one Royal and Select Masters to the membership of our thirteen councils, but one returning "No Work."

Death has again reminded us of his continuous presence in the passsing or our Grand Sentinel, the Illustrious CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, of Oakland, who, with twenty-eight Companions, members of our Constituent Councils, has departed for the land from which none ever return. I recommend that a Committee be appointed to prepare for record a proper tribute to the memories of these Illustrious Companions.

But, while pausing a brief period at the graves of our departed Companions, members of our own tribes and families, let us not forget Illustrius Companions of other Jurisdictions. But a few days have passed since we were startled with the report from the far East that a great leader had passed away. The Most Illustrious Companion, JOSIAH HAYDEN DRUMMOND, while returning to his office in his home city closed his eyes in death. In the death of this distinguished Companion, Masonry of

every rite and degree loses its most illustrious exemplar. His fame as a wise and accomplished Mason was world-wide. Whether as a workman among the Craft at home in Maine or as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the General Grand Council, wherever in session, our Most Illustrious Companion was always the leader in authority.

"But, Night came
Releasing him from labor;
When a hand as from the darkness,
Touched him and he slept."

We are pleased to read in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Texas that a movement is being made to divorce the Cryptic from the Capitular Degrees, and to be plain, let each tub rest on its own bottom. A Committee was appointed to consider the matter of relinquishing jurisdiction over the Cryptic Degrees by the Grand Chapter and transferring its rights to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. All of which is proper and in aid of the union and consolidation of all rites and degrees of legitimate Masonry.

The system of visitation of Subordinate Bodies by the Grand Officers or their special representatives is an important duty, although often neglected. In my visitations of the several Councils during my term of office, I have been specially impressed with the seeming benefit of the custom both to the Grand Officer as well as the officers and members of the Council visited. Having visited eight of our thirteen Councils, partaken of their hospitality, inspected their work and counseled with them as to needed legislation for the support and progress of Cryptic Masonry, I feel myself warranted in reporting to you at this Annual Assembly the healthy and prosperous condition of the Rite in California. That I am warranted in this conclusion the splendid gain in membership is ample proof. One hundred and eighty-two Companions have been greeted, affiliated and restored during the year now closing, leaving us a net gain of one hundred and forty-one and a total membership of 1,495.

While it is true that the Grim Reaper has called upon an unusual number of our Select Companions to cease labor and retire to that Secret Vault from which none ever return, we will inscribe the twenty-nine names of our Illustrious Companions upon our Roll of Honor for deposit in the Archives of the Grand Council. Of these illustrious names we would make special mention of our Illustrious Past Grand Master and Grand Guard, CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT. I suggest that a special committee be appointed to formulate the sense of this Grand Council concerning the death of these Illustrious Companions.

At the earliest time practicable, and soon after the close of the last Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, *Pasadena* Council, No. 16, was constituted and set to work by Past Grand Master WILLIAM B. SCARBOROUGH, as my proxy, and the Council is now a flourishing body on the full tide of successful experiment.

My visitations were made of date as follows:

To *Gateway* Council, No. 13.....December 27, 1902
" *Santa Ana* " " 14 .....January 20, 1903
" *Oakland* " " 12.....January 29, 1903
" *California* " " 2.....February 4, 1903
" *Sacramento* " " 1.....February 25, 1903
" *Ventura* " " 15 .....March 9, 1903
" *Pasadena* " " 16 .....March 10, 1903
" *Los Angeles* " " 11 .....March 11, 1903
" *Stockton* " " 10 .....March 25, 1903

My reception by each of the Councils named was most cordial and fraternal, and in each case was so marked with the desire to honor the head of this most attractive and beautiful Rite in Masonry that the mention of individuals would be invidious and so distinctive as to violate the spirit of fraternal mention. I therefore take this opportunity to return thanks to my Companion Royal and Select Masters of California for the honor conferred in choosing me to preside over this Grand Council, and for the uniform courtesy which I have received at your hands, and especially for the many favors extended to me during the past year by the Grand Recorder, *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion WM. A. DAVIES.

I have appointed Companion GEORGE WASHINGTON PERKINS to fill the vacancy in the office of Grand Sentinel occasioned by the death of *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT.

All of which is fraternally submitted,
JOHN GOULD BISBEE, *Grand Master.*

On motion of Past Grand Master HENRY SAYRE ORME, the Address of the Grand Master was referred to a committee of three, and the Deputy Grand Master appointed *M.·. Ill.·.* Companions HENRY ASCROFT, HENRY S. ORME and GEORGE PENLINGTON such committee.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following Committees:

On Jurisprudence.

M.·. Ill.·. GEORGE PENLINGTON,
M.·. Ill.·. EDWARD RICHARD HEDGES,
T.·. Ill.·. JOHN FRANCIS HUGHES.

On Appeals and Grievances.

M.·. Ill.·. JACOB HART NEFF,
R.·. Ill.·. DAVID M. SUTHERLAND,
Ill.·. Comp. WILLIAM A. CROWELL.

On Finance and Returns.

R.·. Ill.·. CHARLES J. WILLETT,
M.·. Ill.·. HENRY ASCROFT,
M.·. Ill.·. W. FRANK PIERCE.

On New Councils.

R.·. Ill.·. JAMES HEDGES HALL,
T.·. Ill.·. ROBERT EDGAR,
Ill.·. Comp. THOMAS FLINT, SR.

On Necrology.

M.·. Ill.·. FRANKLIN H. DAY,
M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE.

The Grand Recorder presented the following Report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California:

I submit herewith my report of the transactions of the Grand Recorder's Office for the year ending with the present Annual Assembly, together with an account of the receipts and expenditures for the same period and a summary of the work done by the several Constituent Councils.

The Journals of Proceedings of the Forty-second Annual Assembly were issued as soon as delivered by the printer, and distributed as heretofore ordered by the Grand Council, viz.: One copy to each Grand and Past Grand Officer. One copy to each of our Representatives near other Grand Councils. Three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each of our Constituent Councils.

A commission was issued to Illustrious Companion MILLARD F. HICKS, of Portland, Maine, to represent the Grand Council of California near the Grand Council of Maine, at the request of our lamented *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion JOSIAH HAYDEN DRUMMOND.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence has been received from Illustrious Companion AMASA W. BISHOP, the Chairman of that Committee, and is ready for distribution. It will be found to be an interesting review of the improved condition of the Cryptic Rite in the National Jurisdiction with its bright future both at home and abroad.

As soon as practicable after the last Annual Assembly, *Pasadena* Council was constituted under its Charter by Past Grand Master SCARBOROUGH, and numbered 16 on the Grand Council Roster.

The receipts of the office from the date of the last annual report to the commencement of this Annual Assembly have been as follows:

Sacramento Council, No.	1		$123 00
California " "	2		167 50
Marysville " "	3		26 00
Sonora " "	5		24 50
Shasta " "	6		24 50
Helena " "	9		30 50
Stockton " "	10		43 00
Los Angeles " "	11		212 00
Oakland " "	12		160 00
Gateway " "	13		27 50
Santa Ana " "	14		43 00
Ventura " "	15		30 50
Pasadena " "	16		19 00
			$931 00
Pasadena Council, charter fee			20 00
Total			$951 00

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The following is an abstract of the work of the year:

Number of Councils		16
Number of Councils working		13
Number of Councils making returns		13
Greeted during the year	182	
Affiliated	6	
Restored	5	
		193
Withdrawn	7	
Excluded for N. P. D. in Lodge or Chapter	4	
Suspended for non-payment of dues	12	
Died	29	
		52
Net gain		141
Total membership January 31, 1903		1,495

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer *Ill.·.* Comp. FRANKLIN H. DAY presented his Report, which after being read was referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer since the last Annual Assembly:

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council R. & S. M. of California:—

1902.				
April 14.	To balance cash on hand			$1,003 88
1903.				
Feb. 7.	To received from Grand Recorder	$308 75		
" 14.	" " " " "	300 25		
" 18.	" " " " "	79 50		
" 27.	" " " " "	19 00		
Mch. 11.	" " " " "	219 00		
April 15.	" " " " "	24 50		
	Receipts			951 00
				$1,954 88
1902.				
April.	By paid WILLIAM B. SCARBOROUGH, remainder of expense for account visitations, Voucher No. 1	$ 19 00		
	" paid AMASA W. BISHOP, services as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Voucher No. 2	50 00		
	" paid JOHN B. MCINTYRE, binding Rituals and Volume 5 Proceedings Grand Council, Vouchers Nos. 3 and 11	62 55		
	" paid SAMUEL D. MAYER, services as Grand Organist, Voucher No. 4	7 50		
	" paid CHARLES E. GILLETT, services as Grand Sentinel, Voucher No. 5	7 50		
	" paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, for expenses Grand Recorder's office, Vouchers Nos. 6, 12, 18 and 23	44 78		
	" paid GEORGE SPAULDING & Co., printing Proceedings Grand Council of 1902, Voucher No. 7	204 70		
	" paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, dues to General Grand Council, Voucher No. 8	6 60		
	" paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, moving into and fitting up new offices, Vouchers Nos. 10, 13, 15 and 21	49 12		
	" paid F. P. MCLENNAN, rent of offices to May 1, 1903, Vouchers Nos. 9, 14, 17, 19, 20, 22 and 25	37 50		
	" paid JOHN G. BISBEE, appropriation to *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master for visitations, Voucher No. 16	150 00		
	" paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, salary as Grand Recorder, Voucher No. 24	125 00		
	Disbursements			763 95
1903.				
April 20.	Balance cash on hand			$1,190 93

All which is respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. DAY,

Grand Treasurer.

The exemplification of the work was deferred until after the installation of officers, which was made the special order for 1:30 o'clock P. M.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. ROBERT ASH, Chairman, made the following Report for the Committee on quarters of the Grand Recorder:

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California:

Your Committee on the Quarters of the Grand Recorder of this Grand body, appointed at the Convocation in April, 1901, and continued at the session of 1902, now present the following report:

We find that the offices of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., and of the Grand Commandery, K. T., and the Grand Chapter and Council have been located in the Masonic Temple since their organization, the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., occupying the rooms on the east end of the building on the second floor, and the Secretary and Recorder of the other bodies named occupying the rooms on the west end of same floor.

The middle space or room was used as a library with doors leading into it from the rooms at both ends.

The Recorder of the Grand Commandery, the Secretary of the Grand Chapter and Recorder of the Grand Council occupied the rooms on the extreme west end of the floor, about 10x12 feet in size, with his desk, some cases and a table, which reduced the size of this office so that there was room only for three or four chairs, but there was a door leading into the library, which was much larger and could be used as a waiting room or for conducting examinations when required by the Grand Secretary or Recorder.

This condition continued and the rooms were then used in common by the former Grand Secretaries, our Worthy Brothers and Companions ALEX. G. ABELL and THOS. H. CASWELL until about the month of June, 1901, at which time the door leading from the office of the Recorder of this Grand Body to the adjoining library was closed and permanently locked and a book-case placed against it.

Your Committee then communicated with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., but could not obtain a satisfactory answer.

Your Committee then communicated with the Trustees of the Masonic Hall Association, and requested some action by which additional room could be obtained for the use of the Grand Recorder of this Grand Body, either to open the door that had been closed, or for other space in some other portion of the building.

Companion CHARLES L. PATTON, as attorney for the Board of Trustees of the Hall Association, informed your Committee that the Grand Lodge,

F. & A. M., was the tenant of the entire space, including the room about 10x12 feet then occupied by our Grand Recorder, and while the Board "had power to close the door between this room and the Library, they had no power to open it," and that our Grand Recorder was a "tenant at sufferance only"—that is, a tenant who came in possession by a lawful title, but remains after his right has expired without positive leave of the owner.

The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Hall Association were also unwilling and unable to provide additional space, so that the office of this Grand Body was confined to the small space of one room about 10x12 feet in size, but during all the years of such tenancy a regular yearly rental was paid by our Grand Bodies and regularly received by the Masonic Hall Association.

The space then occupied by our Grand Recorder, who was also the Grand Secretary of one and Grand Recorder of another Grand Body in this Jurisdiction, being entirely too small for the transaction of business, your Committee spent considerable time in their efforts to obtain other accommodations in a central location.

After exhausting our efforts in that behalf, we selected the rooms now occupied for the offices of the Grand Recorder at No. 121 Geary street, at the monthly rental of $5.00. The vouchers for the expenses attending the transfer of the office, with carpets and some additional furniture and fixtures, are herewith presented.

Your Committee was also appointed on behalf of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, and the expenses incurred and the rent of the new quarters have been proportionately adjusted.

Your Committee ask that their action be approved and confirmed.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT ASH,
J. H. NEFF,
Committee.

Which report was approved, ordered placed of record, and the committee discharged.

On motion of Past Grand Master JACOB HART NEFF it was

Resolved, That a Committee on Departed Companions be appointed, with the request that a memorial tribute be prepared and published in the Journal of the year with special reference to our own Most Illustrious Past Grand Master CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, and of our Representative near the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine, the Most Illustrious JOSIAH HAYDEN DRUMMOND, Past Grand Master of the General Grand Council.

The Grand Master subsequently named the Most Illustrious Companions W. FRANK PIERCE, JACOB HART NEFF and WILLIAM A. DAVIES as such committee.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. HENRY ASCROFT for the Committee on the Address of the Grand Master made the following report:

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Address of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master respectfully commend the Grand Master on the zeal manifested in the discharge of his official duties, and concur in that portion of his Address referring to our Illustrious Dead, viz.: that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare for record a proper tribute to their memories. We congratulate the Grand Council on the net gain of one hundred and forty-one Royal and Select Masters during the past year and heartily approve the official visits of Grand Officers to the Subordinate Councils as conducive to increased activity among the members and to maintaining the desired standard of excellence in the exemplification of the beautiful work of the Order.

HENRY ASCROFT,
HENRY S. ORME,
GEORGE PENLINGTON,
Committee.

Which report was concurred in.

The Committee on Jurisprudence being called, the Chairman *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE PENLINGTON, reported no business before the committee.

The Deputy Grand Master *Ill.·.* Comp. ALBERT H. MERRITT, for the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals, also reported no business before that committee.

Illustrious Comp. JAMES H. HALL, Chairman of the Committee on New Councils, reported no business before said committee.

Illustrious Comp. CHARLES J. WILLETT, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California:

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder for examination beg leave to report that they find the books in good condition, the accounts correctly kept, and the cash on hand as reported.

We also recommend the appropriation of the following amounts for the expenses of the ensuing year, viz:

For publication of Proceedings	$200.00
" Grand Master's expenses in visitations	150.00
" Grand Recorder's salary	125.00
" contingent expenses Grand Recorder's office	25.00
" rent of office of Grand Recorder	60.00
" Committee on Correspondence	50.00
" Grand Organist, salary	7.50
" salary of Grand Guard	7.50
	$625.00

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES J. WILLETT,
HENRY ASCROFT,
Committee.

The Report was approved and the appropriations made as recommended.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers, the Grand Master appointed *Ill.·.* Companions CHARLES WILLIS NORTON and WILLIS MILNOR DIXON as tellers, and the election proceeded with the following result:

The *M.·.* *Ill.·.* ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT was elected Grand Master.

The *R.·.* *Ill.·.* DAVID M. SUTHERLAND was elected Deputy Grand Master.

The *R.·.* *Ill.·.* EDUARD KEIL was elected Grand Principal Conductor of Works.

The *R.·.* *Ill.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was re-elected Grand Treasurer.

The *R.·.* *Ill.·.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES was re-elected Grand Recorder.

And the Grand Master made the following appointments:

R.·. *Ill.·.* HENRY ASCROFT, Grand Lecturer.

R.·. *Ill.·.* THOMAS KYLE, Grand Chaplain.

R.·. *Ill.·.* JAMES HEDGES HALL, Grand Captain of the Guards.

R.·. *Ill.·.* CHARLES JOSEPH WILLETT, Grand Conductor of Council.

R.·. *Ill.·.* CHARLES WILLIS NORTON, Grand Steward.

Ill.·. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, Grand Organist.

Ill.·. GEORGE WASHINGTON PERKINS, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Recorder presented and read a letter from Comp. REUBEN E. TAFT, the Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Pennsylvania. He tells us that Cryptic Masonry is slowly advancing in the old Quaker State. They live in hope that the Cryptic degrees may yet become prerequisites to the Templar Orders, which would result in a deserved valuable increase to our beautiful Rite and bind with hooks of steel the several departments of American Freemasonry.

The Grand Recorder moved and it was ordered that Comp. TAFT'S letter be placed of record in the Journal.

The Committee on Necrology submitted the following report:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California:

In the discharge of our duty we are overwhelmed with the thought of what our responsibilities are in expressing in suitable words the tribute due the memories of such "wise and accomplished Masons" as JOSIAH HAYDEN DRUMMOND and CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT. Our attention has been called particularly to the loss of these two "leaders in Israel" for the reason that the first was always with us in our work, or in the hours of refreshment, with his good judgment to guide us in all our doings as an organization. The second was our friend and associate, a Companion of wide experience in the various Rites and beloved and esteemed for his excellence as a man and a Mason. But, while we mourn for these illustrious leaders, we would not forget our *Thrice Ill.*. Companion, WILLIAM MCCATCHEY, of *Helena* Council, No. 9, nor of the twenty-eight Illustrious Companions, members of the Constituent Councils, who have gone with them into the world of silence. We honor their memory, and in spirit drop the sprig of acacia upon their last resting-places.

Of the loss by Sister Jurisdictions, the number of *our* Most Illustrious Companions is greatly exceeded by the loss to the Cryptic Rite of their energies and unselfish enthusiasm, and we will only add: "May the Lord bless them and keep them. Make his face to shine upon them and be gracious unto them. Lift upon them the light of His countenance and give them peace."

"How beautiful it is for a man to die
Upon the walls of Zion; to be called
Like a watch-worn and weary sentinel
To put his armor off and rest in heaven."

Respectfully submitted,

W. FRANK PIERCE,
JACOB HART NEFF,
WM. A. DAVIES,
Committee.

Which report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Installation of Officers being the special order for this hour, 1:30 P. M., the Grand Master proceeded to install the officers elected, and appointed the *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion HENRY ASCROFT as Master of Ceremonies.

The Grand Master appointed Past Grand Master JAMES BESTOR MERRITT as Correspondent.

The Grand Council was then called off for the exemplification of the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

Grand Lecturer ASCROFT assumed the East and filled the several stations with the officers of *California* Council, No. 2, and the degrees were conferred upon Comp. HASALOM NUTTALL, a candidate who had been elected by *California* Council to receive them.

The work having been exemplified, *California* Council was closed and business resumed in Grand Council.

The business of Grand Council being concluded, thanks were extended to the Grand Lecturer and *California* Council for the excellent exemplification.

The Grand Council was then closed in Ample Form at five o'clock P. M.

A true copy of the Proceedings of the Forty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters held in Masonic Temple, San Francisco, April 20, 1903.

Witness my signature, with the seal of our Grand Council, and the attestation thereunto of our Grand Recorder.

ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT,
Grand Master.

Attest:

WM. A. DAVIES,
Grand Recorder.

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NECROLOGY

"There is no such thing as death—
In Nature nothing dies;
From each sad remnant of decay
Some forms of life arise.
The little leaf that falls,
All brown and sere to earth,
Ere long will mingle with the buds
That give the flower its birth."

In Memory of

Josiah Hayden Drummond.

Born at Winslow, Maine, August 30, 1827,

Died at Portland, Me., October 25, 1902.

In the Cryptic Rite he was Grand Master of Maine in 1868 and the first Grand Master of the General Grand Council in 1880, 1881, 1882. To his labors the organization of the General Grand Council was largely due.

Primus inter pares.

In Memory of

Charles Edwin Gillett.

A native of Connecticut, who died in Oakland, March 26, 1903,
Aged 80 years.

He was buried by his brethren, the Masons of Oakland, March 29th, the Brethren Companions and Sir Knights of the several Rites and degrees in Masonry uniting to pay the last sad tribute to an accomplished gentleman of the olden time, a veteran Mason, a faithful worker in the quarries, who for his fidelity had been rewarded with the honors of the Thirty-third and last degree.

He came to us from Nevada in 1876. He will remain with us, a pleasant memory while our records last.

The following Royal and Select Masters, members of our Constituent Councils, have been stricken from the roll of the living during the past year:

Sacramento Council, No. 1.

THOMAS FRAZER.....
CARL A. LEONARD.....January 21, 1902.
JOHN MCARTHUR.....November 3, 1902.
SAMUEL NATHAN.....May 7, 1902.
JAMES WOODBURN.....July 24, 1902.

California Council, No. 2.

LLEWELLYN DAVIES.....January 28, 1903.
DAN JOSEPH EDGAR.....April 16, 1902.
JAMES ALFRED FERSON.....July 31, 1902.
EVERETT FARNUM GOODYEAR.....December 13, 1902.
JOHN KIMBLE CARLTON HOBBS.....June 11, 1902.
JOSEPH REGIST LAINE.....December 15, 1902.
JOHN WILLIAM LUCAS.....March 9, 1902.
SAMUEL WOLF ROSENSTOCK.....April 1, 1902.
EDWARD ROBINSON SWAIN.....April 10, 1902.

Sonora Council, No. 5.

GRANT STARR MORE.....December 4, 1902.
JOHN STILWELL MORGAN, JR.....March 18, 1902.
JOHN MUNDORF.....February 1, 1902.

Helena Council, No. 9.

WILLIAM MCCLATCHEY (Past *T.·. Ill.·.* Master).April 6, 1902.

Stockton Council, No. 10.

SHELDON HOPKINS BARRETT.....
EDWARD ELBRIDGE HOOD.....February 1, 1902
GEORGE AUGUSTUS SHURTLEFF.....February 11, 1902.

Los Angeles Council, No. 11.

OTTO WALTER BROADTBECK.....November 4, 1902.
GEROLOMO ILLICH.....November, 1902.

Oakland Council, No. 12.

ANDERS PETERSON.....March 16, 1902.
JOHN TILFORD BRADLEY.....July 19, 1902.
HENRY VASSELL MARTIN.....March 7, 1902.
FRANK BARTLETT THOMPSON.....December 24, 1902.

Gateway Council, No. 13.

ISAAC TIBBETS COFFIN.....January 22, 1903.

Santa Ana Council, No. 14.

JAMES WILLIAM KING.....May 28, 1902.

And of our Illustrious Companions, leaders in the National and various State Jurisdictions, the following have been called, never to return to us again:

Arkansas—M.·. Ill.·. Companion REUBEN JOHNSON LAUGHLIN, Grand Master in 1896, died at his home in Bentonville, August 13, 1902.

Indiana—M.·. Ill.·. Companion WALTER R. GODFREY died at his home in Michigan City, June 7, 1902. He was Grand Master in 1879.

Kansas—M.·. Ill.·. Companion ARCHIBALD ARGYLE CARNAHAN, Grand Master in 1896–1897, died at his home in the city of Concordia, March 4, 1902.

M.·. Ill.·. Companion ANDREW M. CALLAHAM, Grand Master in 1882–1883, and Grand Recorder from November 1, 1894, to February 13, 1889, inclusive, died in the city of Topeka, July 13, 1902.

M.·. Ill.·. Companion WILLIAM D. THOMPSON, Grand Master from February 16, 1886, to February 15, 1887, died at his home in Minneapolis, March 5, 1903.

Massachusetts—M.·. Ill.·. Companion CHARLES HENRY NORRIS, Grand Master during the years 1871–1872–1873, died at his home in Salem, Massachusetts, August 31, 1902.

Michigan—R.·. Ill.·. Companion JEFFERSON S. CONOVER died at Ann Arbor, April 5, 1903. He was Grand Recorder from January, 1897, to the time of his death.

Minnesota—M.·. Ill.·. Companion JOHN CARL TERRY, the first Grand Master of Minnesota, died at his home in St. Paul, February 15, 1902.

M.·. Ill.·. Companion JOHN HERBERT RANDALL, Grand Master in 1896–1897, died at his home in Minneapolis, October 8, 1902.

Mississippi—R.·. Ill.·. Companion JOHN L. SPINKS died April 25, 1903. He was Grand Lecturer at the time of his death.

New Brunswick—M.·. Ill.·. Companion JOHN ALEXANDER WATSON, died at the home of his father in the city of St. John, February 22, 1903. He was Grand Master in 1897, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite of the Maritime Provinces at the time of his death.

Ohio—R.·. Ill.·. Companion JOHN DAY CALDWELL died in Cincinnati, April 24, 1902. He was Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Ohio for forty years.

R.·. Ill.·. Companion SAMUEL B. EVANS died at his home in Circleville, May 14, 1902. He was Grand Treasurer at the time of his death, having filled that position for the past twenty years.

Pennsylvania—M.·. Ill.·. Companion SAMUEL STRAUB YOHE, Grand Master in 1898, died at his home in Easton, October 21, 1902.

Wisconsin—M.·. Ill.·. Companion MELVIN LINCOLN YOUNGS, Grand Master in 1866–1867 and 1890 to 1895, inclusive, died at his home in Milwaukee, June 27, 1902.

"Servants of God, well done;
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,
Committee.

LIST OF THE CONSTITUENT COUNCILS,

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1903.

	Names of Councils.	No. of Council.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
1	Sacramento	1	16	.....	3	.....	1	5	.....	.....	5	212	$123 00
2	California	2	30	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	9	275	167 50
3	Marysville	3	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	26 00
*	Sierra Nevada	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Sonora	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	49	24 50
5	Shasta	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	24 50
*	Virginia	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*	Yreka	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Helena	9	5	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	51	30 50
7	Stockton	10	5	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	3	76	43 00
8	Los Angeles	11	53	1	.....	3	.....	7	.....	.....	2	318	212 00
9	Oakland	12	45	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	230	160 00
10	Gateway	13	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	51	27 50
11	Santa Ana	14	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	70	43 00
12	Ventura	15	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	30 50
13	Pasadena	16	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	19 00
			182	6	5	7	4	12	.....	.....	29	1495	$931 00

* Charter sur. endered.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Councils		16
Number of Councils working		13
Number of Councils makfng returns		13
Greeted during the year	182	
Affiliated	6	
Restored	5	
		193
Withdrawn	7	
Excluded for N. P. D. in Lodge or Chapter	4	
Suspended for non-payment of dues	12	
Died	29	
		52
Gain		141
Total membership January 31, 1903		1,495

REPRESENTATIVES

Of Other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	W. Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Colorado	Jacob H. Neff	San Francisco.
Connecticut		
England and Wales	Amasa W. Bishop	Oakland.
Georgia	Robert Ash	San Francisco.
Illinois	Wm. B. Scarborough	Los Angeles.
Indiana	David M. Sutherland	Los Angeles.
Indian Territory	William Hewson Davis	Sacramento.
Iowa	Albert H. Merritt	Oakland.
Kansas	Henry Ascroft	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	August Wackerbarth	Los Angeles.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maritime Provinces, N. B.	John A. Britton	Oakland.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Minnesota	John Gould Bisbee	Auburn.
Mississippi	David M. Sutherland	Los Angeles.
Missouri	George Penlington	San Francisco.
Nebraska	James William Towner	Santa Ana.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
North Carolina	John Francis Hughes	Los Angeles.
Ohio	James Hedges Hall	Santa Ana.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
Rhode Island	Thomas Flint, Sr.	San Juan, San Benito Co.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.
Washington	David W. Lubeck	Auburn.
Wisconsin	James Dean Wilder	Tustin.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	Gaylord J. Klock	Little Rock.
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Colorado	Calvin E. Reed, 1625 Pearl St	Denver.
Connecticut	Alexander B. Shumway	Litchfield.
Georgia	Christopher F. Lewis	Augusta
Illinois	John A. Ladd	Sterling.
Indiana	Orlando W. Brownback	Pendleton.
Indian Territory	Jabez H. Mann	McAlester, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	W. H. Novvis	Manchester.
Kansas	Robert E. Torrington	Wichita.
Kentucky	James Dysert Lewis	Louisville.
Louisiana	Samuel Manning Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Millard F. Hicks	Portland.
Maryland	Albert Benedict Lyman	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Edward M. Woodward	Boston.
Michigan	Bayard A. Church	St. Louis.
Minnesota	James C. Hawes	Red Wing.
Mississippi	A. A. Posey	Aberdeen.
Missouri	Thomas Seal	St. Louis.
Nebraska	G. W. Lininger	Omaha.
New Hampshire	John F. Maynard	Ashland.
New Jersey	John M. Knapp	Ridgewood.
New York	Theodore H. Barber	Syracuse.
North Carolina	W. F. Randolph	Asheville.
Ohio	Arthur P. Crane	Toledo.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	Reuben E. Taft	Titusville.
Rhode Island	Robert S. Franklin	Newport.
South Carolina	J. E. McDonald	Winnsboro.
Tennessee	A. S. Myers	Memphis.
Vermont	George W. Wing	Montpelier.
Washington	W. S. Fairweather	Tacoma.
Wisconsin	William N. Pennell	Milwaukee.

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

Alabama—Benj. M. Jacobs, Montgomery.
Arkansas—Fay Hempstead, Little Rock.
California—William A. Davies, Starr King Bldg., 121 Geary St., S. F.
Colorado—Ernest LeNevr Foster, Denver.
Connecticut—James McCormick, Hartford.
England—C. F. Matier, M'k Masonic Hall, Great Q. St., London, W. C.
Florida—John Carlovitz, Milton.
Georgia—W. A. Wolihin, Macon.
General Grand Council—Henry W. Mordhurst, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Illinois—Gil. W. Barnard, Masonic Temple, Chicago.
Indiana—Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis.
Indian Territory—R. Y. Morrison, Atoka.
Iowa—Alf. Wingate, Des Moines.
Kansas—William M. Shaver, Topeka.
Kentucky—James W. Staton, Brooksville.
Louisiana—Richard Lambert, Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine—Stephen Berry, Portland.
Maryland—J. W. Bowers, 16 East Lexington St., Baltimore.
Massachusetts—J. Gilman Waite, Masonic Temple, Boston.
Minnesota—Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul.
Michigan—Charles A. Conover, Coldwater.
Mississippi—Fred Speed, Vicksburg.
Missouri—William H. Mayo, Masonic Temple, St. Louis.
New Hampshire—Frank D. Woodbury, Concord.
Nebraska—Francis E. White, 1608 Capitol Ave., Omaha.
New Jersey—John B. Bertholf, Jersey City.
New York—George H. Van Vliet, 16 Eighth Avenue, New York City.
New Brunswick—John A. Watson, St. John.
North Carolina—James C. Munds, Wilmington.
Ohio—William E. Evans, Chillicothe.
Oregon—Seth L. Pope, Portland, P. O. Box 256.
Ontario—A. G. Horford, Toronto.
Pennsylvania—Joshua L. Lyte, Lancaster.
Rhode Island—William R. Greene, Providence, Box 576.
Scotland—D. Murray Lyon, Edinburgh.
South Carolina—Zimmerman Davis, Charleston.
Tennessee—W. A. Clendening, Nashville.
Vermont—Henry H. Ross, Rutland.
Washington—Edward R. Hare, Tacoma.
Wisconsin—William W. Perry, Milwaukee.

RETURNS

OF THE

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

A. D. 1903, A. Dep. 2903.

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL, No. 1.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Thomas Joseph Hesson, *T. Ill. M.*, James Ellsworth Thompson, *Rec'der*,
William Ohmer Girardey, *D. Ill. M.*, Daniel Hyman, *Capt. of Guard*,
Theodore Jones Milliken, *P. C. W.*, William Hewson Davis, *Conductor*,
William Monroe Petrie, *Treasurer*, John Gerhard Meyer, *Steward*,
Cephas Charles Olney, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Monroe Petrie, *P. G. M.*,
John William Rock, *P. G. M.*,
Edwin Glover,
John Hurley,
William Hewson Davis, *P. G. M.*,
Harry Ingham,
Richard Vaughan,
Richard Palmer Burr,
Alexander John Gardiner,
David Farr,
Louis Cyrus Schindler,
William Alexander January,
Charles Richard Goss,
James Ellsworth Thompson,
George Dunn,
Daniel Hyman.

SELECT MASTERS:

Alderson, Richard
Alexander, Robert
Alltucker, Henry
Anderson, Joseph Maurice
Baker, Alfred Septimus
Baldwin, William Hedges
Barton, Charles Thomas
Bassett, William Walter
Baughman, Noble Henry
Beesley, Charles Henry
Bell, Henry Clay
Bittancourt, Thomas Maria

Block, Maurice
Book, Franklin Weaver
Booth, Albert Porch
Boyd, Joseph Charles
Bragg, Charles Lourin
Breuner, John
Breuner, Louis Frederick
Burchard, James Philo
Burgess, Alfred Llewellyn
Burnham, James Henry
Camp, James Glasby
Carlson, Charles Alfred
Carroll, Edgar Barclay
Carroll, Harry Winans
Casselli, Ansono
Champlin, Nelson
Chapman, George Warren
Chrisman, Elmer Judson
Church, William Smithers
Clark, George Harvey
Clauss, John
Clemons, William Strong
Cohn, Edward Francis
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin
Coppersmith, Michael Thomas
Cothrin, William Kip
Cox, Thomas Jones
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cuthbert, William Williams
Davis, James Gilliland
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Derman, George Louis
Dierssen, George Ernest August
Dixon, William Henry
Douglas, William Wallace
Dreyer, Rasmus Peter Nielsen
Eppinger, Herman
Ettlinger, Bernard
Folger, Alfred Gilbert
Fox, Thomas
Foye, William Robinson Smith
Frahm, Claus
Frates, Frank
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Frommelt, Hugo
Gagnon, Alfred
Gallatin, Albert
Gardner, Charles Francis
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew
Gillis, Dougald
Graham, Louis Edgar
Gray, Alexander Isaac
Gray, Arthur Irvine
Gray, Frank Livingstone
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Mosheim Schumacher
Harvey, Edwin Henry
Haynes, Edward
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, Wilbur March
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Heisen, Charles, Jr.
Heintzelman, Taylor Washington
Heitman, John Henry
Herzog, Philip
Hollister, Charles Edwin
Hollister, Dwight
Hoover, Benjamin Vanzandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Hubbs, Anthony
Huber, Julius Edmund
Ilgner, Charles William
Isham, Ernest Jackson
Jackson, William Franklin
Jensen, Robert
Johnson, Frank Taylor
Johnson, Hiram Warren
Johnson, Israel Joseph
Johnson, Philip

Johnston, Alfred J.
Johnston, Presley Thomas
Johnston, William
Jordan, Leander Robert
Ketcham, Marvin Alonzo
Kimbrough, Richard Oscar
Kleinsorge, Henry Emil
Kleinsorge, Wm. Edward
Klune, John Bernhard
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Knox, William Frederick
Lawson, Walter Brokaw
Levison, Jacob
Lightner, Bonus
Little, Christopher
Luce, John Coachman
Luhrs, Charles August
Lykins, Preston Lodwick
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McCandless, George Lindley
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McEntyre, Dan Hugh
McKee, Edwin Harvey
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
McMarten, John Alexander
McMaster, James Curtin
Meister, August
Meister, George Albert
Menke, Anton
Miller, Dwight Henry
Mills, James Edgar
Molter, Jacob Philip
Morrison, James Mathew
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Noack, Charles John
Ochsner, John
Olson, Alfred
O'Neil, James
Peck, Nelson Stanley
Peterson, William Frederick
Phillips, Charles Avery
Phipps, Charles Edward
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Platt, Philemon Eli
Prouty, William Harrison
Putnam, George Prescott
Randle, George Nelson
Rego, Edward Sutherland
Reid, Thomas Benton
Robie, Ira Allen
Scheunert, Carl Emil
Schmid, Emil
Schroth, John George
Scott, Thomas James
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Shonefelt, William Domer
Simmonds, William Shapel
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Thomas
Springsted, Ernest Willard
Stephenson, William Albert
Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Steffens, Joseph
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Stoll, Benjamin Franklin
Sweany, John
Teichart, Adolph
Tozer, Charles Walter
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
Vermilya, Abram John
Wachhorst, Eugene Stuart
Webb, Charles Augustus
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Weil, Edward Adolph
White, George Amos
Wiard, William Frederick
Wilder, Joel Osgood
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel

Woodward, George Allen
Wright, Charles Edward
Yardley, Herber Edward
Young, John Nelles
Young, Lamartine Wilson—212.

RESTORED:

Gray, Alexander Isaac
Mills, James Edgar
Prouty, William Harrison—3.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Boyd, John Walter
Drescher, Valentine
Fleming, Frank
Irvine, Richard Cutrer
McGlashan, Charles Fayette—5.

EXCLUDED:

Bush, George Thomson—1.

DIED:

Frazer, Thomas
Leonard, Carl *A*
McArthur, John
Nathan, Samuel
Woodburn, James—5.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	204	Suspended for N. P. D.	5
Greeted	16	Excluded	1
Restored	3—223.	Died	5
		Now borne upon the roll	212—223.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Ascroft, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Henry Nathaniel Hoffman, *D. I. M.*,
Henry Gilman Prince, *Prin. C. W.*,
Charles Lord Field, *Treasurer*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Recorder*,
Albert Michael Wapple, *C. of Guards*,
Michael John Kelley, *Conductor*,
Marcus Getz, *Steward*,
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George Penlington, *P. G. M.*,
Henry Ascroft, *P. G. M.*,
Robert Ash, *P. G. M.*

SELECT MASTERS:

Abraham, Max
Aitken, John *R*
Allen, Richard Spicer
Andres, George Samuel
Andrews, Thomas *P*
Armstrong, George Robert
Ayers, Clarence Warwick
Baker, Charles Henry
Barclay, Robert Henry
Bassett, Charles Follen
Bauer, Adolph Charles
Bauer, Chris. John
Bauer, George William
Baum, David Andrew
Baum, Simon
Benedict, Courtland Smith
Bingham, William Alexander
Black, Howard
Blossom, Henry Eckford
Bohls, Henry
Bone, Charles
Bonney, Charles Sumner
Booth, Frank Edmund
Bragg, Robert
Broder, Robert Chidley
Bromley, George Tisdale
Browell, Jeremiah
Brown, Henry Adams
Bruce, James Henderson
Brunings, John Henry
Bruns, Henry Frederick
Bullock, John Henry
Bunker, Robert Elmer
Buswell, William Francis
Caley, John
Callinan, William
Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Chapman, Edward Kirk
Christian, Ceasar
Clark, George Dickson
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans
Cluness, William Ross
Coburn, Ira Winn
Code, Philip *D*
Collins, William Henry
Conlisk, Charles William
Cox, Alexander Middleton
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Cross, Charles Vernon
Cumback, William Elbert
Daggett, John Randolph
Davis, Burt Lincoln
Davis, Henry Harvey
Davis, Winfield Scott
Day, Thomas Henry
Decker, Charles William
De Guerre, Albert Sydney Johnston
Dietterle, George
Dobler, Charles
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dominguez, Richard Arthur
Dow, Edwin Tyson
Dragomanovich, Spiro *S G*
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty
Dunn, James
Dunne, James Patrick
Durbrow, Ross Lewis
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Eddy, Richard *A*
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Elliot, Charles Emery
Erdmann, William George Berthold
Ewart, David Fraser
Ferguson, Phineas Fanning
Fetz, Joseph, Jr.
Feudner, Martin Otto
Filmer, William Parker
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.

Foster, Arthur William
Fraser, John *P*
Frolich, Theodore
Gage, William Stebbins
Gagnon, Michael
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Gehret, Frederick
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Gerst, Garrison
Giles, Frederick *N*
Goldman, Max
Gordon, James Edward
Grauerholz, Henry John
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Haas, David Leopold
Hale, Reuben Brooks
Hall, Otho Norris
Hallett, Alonzo
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hare, Elias *C*
Harris, Thomas Voel
Hassler, William Charles
Hatch, James Henry
Hathorn, Ralph La Forest
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Hawks, James Lawrence
Hellwig, Christian
Henning, Hans Theodore
Highton, Henry Edward
Hopkins, Timothy
Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hromada, Adolph
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Huested, Orson Justus
Huff, William Henry Routin
Hutchings, Hiram Samuel
Jacobs, Albert Pocorny
Jellison, Benjamin Franklin
Jewett, George Albert
Johnson, Albert de Montfredy
Johnson, George
Jones, Edward Campbell
Kent, Thaddeus Benning
Kern, Morris James
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Kimball, Roy Thurston
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Kittredge, Ralph Bell
Klein, John Mathias
Koenig, Frank
Kohler, Henry
Kramer, Louis George
Krieg, Anton
Ladd, Frank Bacon
Landgrebe, Robert George
Law, Hartland
Lawrence, William Babcock
Lee, John, Jr.
Lent, Samuel Lancaster
Levy, Joseph
Lewandowski, John Anthony
Lewers, Robert
Lewis, William
Lippman, George *W*
Logan, Milburn Hill
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lucas, Walter Edward
Lyman, William Whittingham
Lynch, Henry Hudson
Lyon, William Henry
Madison, Henry Bennett
Mangrum, Arthur Sherman
Manner, Charles Vogt
Manning, Horatio Seymour
Marsh, John Alfred
McCarty, James
McDougall, Charles Campbell
McMillan, Robert
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Metzner, Charles Francis
Meyer, Arthur
Meyers, John Jacob
Miller, Thurlow Spragge
Mills, William Lucas Bisset

Montealegre, Carlos Francisco
Moore, Andrew
Morgan, Charles Augustus
Mundwyler, John Jacob
Murdock, George Leonard
Murphy, Charles Henry
Myrson, Simon
Nagle, Richard Hamilton
Neuhaus, Christian Henry Fred.
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Newman, George Howard
Niles, Edward Jackson
Norcross, Daniel
Noteware, Edward Washington
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Parker, Theodore Roosevelt
Patton, Charles Lewis
Payne, Warren Ritch
Peacock, William
Peck, Philip
Perine, George Mairs
Perkins, Samuel Henry
Perley, Albion Starbird
Phillips, William Rippard
Price, Thomas
Price, William Edmund
Reis, John O'Neal
Rennie, William
Ridley, Arthur Ernest Brooke
Rieser, Edwin Oliver
Riley, John Francis
Ryan, Michael
Sabin, John Ira
Schetzel, Adolph Georg
Schmidt, Georg Wilhelm
Schmidt, Valentine
Schomer, George
Schreiber, Martin August William
Scott, Henry Wilson
Seibel, Philipp
Seymour, Simon Harry
Silverstein, Jacob
Siminoff, Morris
Smith, Lewis Warren
Smith, William Jacob
Soule, Arthur Calvin
Soulé, William Lloyd Garrison
Spaulding, James Garfield
Speier, Bernard
Stallman, Charles Christian
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stephenson, Edward
Stockfleth, John
Stoddart, Augustus Wynne
Sumner, Frank William
Sussman, Samuel
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thomas, Harry Walter
Thompson, George
Thompson, George Howard
Tönningsen, John
Trebell, Thomas
Troutt, James Morris
Twomey, James
Van Bergen, Henry
Vanderhurst, William
Vaughan, Hiram G.
Veen, Frank Joseph
Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alexander Barack
Walker, Robert Andrew
Walter, Henry Franklin
Warwick, James Blain
Welch, Willard Choate, Jr.,
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
Whitcomb, Frank Randolph
Whitely, Henry Mallard
Wiley, George Adrian
Williams, George Henry
Williams, Harry Alston
Willman, Alexander
Wilson, Charles Harold
Woodbury, Warren Dean
Woodside, Alexander
Young, Shirley Trever—275.

WITHDRAWN:

Genereaux, Emile Cazalis (Greeted February 5, 1902)—1.

EXCLUDED:

Meston, Robert—1.

DIED:

Davies, Llewellyn
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Ferson, James Alfred
Goodyear, Everett Farnum
Hobbs, John Kimble Carlton
Laine, Joseph Regist (Greeted Feb. 5, 1902)
Lucas, John William
Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Swain, Edward Robinson—9.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report...	256	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	30—286.	Excluded	1
		Died	9
		Now borne upon the roll...	275—286.

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Alexander Cameron Irwin, *Th. Ill.M.*, Albert Julius Menz, *Capt. of Guards*,
Wm. Andrew Lowery, *Dep. Ill. M.*, John George MacLellan, *Conductor*,
Charles *E* Stone, *P. C. of Works*, Isaac Giballe Cohn, *Steward*,
Barnard Ross Boorman, *Treasurer*, Peter Engel, *Organist*,
James Fred Eastman, *Recorder*, Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Lemuel Trescott Crane,
Frank *B* Miller,
William Andrew Lowery,
Alexander Cameron Irwin.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Belcher, Richard
Berry, James McConnell
Boyd, John Duncan
Brockman, John Henry
Burner, Henry
Buttelman, Frederick William
Carpenter, George Washington
Crew, Alexander Hill
Durfee, Joseph

Ellis, William Turner
Ewell, Samuel
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hauss, Ferdinand
Hochstadter, Simon
Hopkins, Allen Bruscup
Hutchins, Gavin Walker
Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Lewek, Solomon
Moore, Frank Thomas
Mould, William
Peacock, William Flint
Peck, William Francis
Price, Charles John
Rogers, Samuel Josiah Smith
Sanborn, Miles Edward
Schuler, Conrad
Sieber, Henry Frederick
Skinner, Randolph Whitney
Slingsby, William
Stafford, William Henry
Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha—49.

WITHDRAWN:

Kernan, Thomas Hugh—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....49 Withdrawn..... 1
Greeted ..... 1—50. Now borne upon the roll.....49—50.

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Crittenden Hampton, *T. Ill. Master*, Charles Edward Street, *Recorder*,
Eduard Keil, *Dep. Ill. Master*, Frank Wilson Street, *C. of Guards*,
Frank Albert Morgan, *Prin. C. of W.*, Alonzo Colby, *Conductor*,
Thomas Arthur Stiles Hender, *Tr.*, Charles Henry Burden, *Steward*,
Abraham Barlow, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Eduard Keil, Frank Wilson Street.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adair, Charles Francis
Barton, Eugene Hamilton
Clough, Fred'k Warren
Eastman, William White
Eslick, Charles
Fontana, Charles Domenick
Gould, Elisha Tolman
Johns, Samuel Joseph
Johnson, Andrew Porter
Johnson, Peter
Knudsen, Nils Ladefoged
Koch, William Alexander
Lagomarsino, James
Lane, Tom Travis

Langford, James Terry
Linsley, Carlos Shelton
Littlefield, John Franklin
Long, Wilbur
Loring, William Joseph
Madson, Arthur Gustave
Miller, Valentine William
Morgans, Morgan Philip
Nicol, George Woodburn
Nuner, Charles Glover
Nuner, William Marble, Jr.
Oliver, Dew Rodger
Obrien, James Timothy
O'Connell, John Henry
Patterson, Archibald
Paulsen, Hans Christian
Preston, Howard Alvin
Raggio, Joseph
Rainville, Alfred Hercules
Ratz, Frederick Henry
Roberts, David E.
Sharwood, William
Shine, John Henry
Wells, Thomas Washington
Witney, John Lorin
Yossi, John Frederick—49.

RESTORED:

Sharwood, William—1.

DIED:

More, Grant Starr
Morgan, John Stillwell, Jr.
Mundorf, John—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	51	Died	3
Restored	1—52.	Now borne upon the roll	49—52

SHASTA COUNCIL, No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Morris Mehon, *Th. Ill. Master*, Adolphus Bystle, *Recorder*,
Jewett Scranton, *Deputy Ill. M.*, James Chester Teass, *C. of the G'ds*
John William Garden, *P. C. Works*, George Crone Strode, *Conductor*,
William Alexander Boswell, *Treas'r*, Benjamin McCrum, *Steward*,
Gunther Frederick Charles Schroter, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle, *P. G. M.*, Albert Frederick Ross,
Morris Mehon.

SELECT MASTERS:

Andrews, William
Beard, John Samuel
Bell, Joseph Evans
Blossom, Robert Hurd
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus
Cahoone, William Brower

Fish, William Andrew
Gardner, Elias Delevan
Gillispie, William J.
Hall, Joseph *N*
Hawkins, Divine Zacharias
Hunt, William Broderick
Hurst, Ferdinand
Jacobson, Charles
Kimball, Gorham Gates
Labonte, Francis Xavier
Lambson, Giles Hamman
Lowden, William Spencer
McCoy, Leo Lewis
Miller, Thomas Love
Murphy, Sylvanus Everett
Nichols, James Levin
Nicholson, Thomas Jamerson
Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Prim, Franklin Pierce
Reynolds, John Edward
Richardson, James Lee
Rosland, Oscar *O*
Rowles, James
Satterlee, Frank Peck
Scott, John *V*
Scammon, James Freeman
Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Smith, Champion *W*
Strode, John Sale
Sweeny, Edward
Weil, Joseph
Wimmer, James Moses—49.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....49. Now borne upon the roll.....49.

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9

Helena, Montana.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Booker, *Recorder*,
James F. McNamee, *D. Ill. Master*, Francis Doremus Jones, *Capt. of G.*,
Joseph J. Hindson, *P. C. of W.*, H. Solomon Hepner, *Conductor*,
Michael Reinig, *Treasurer*, Jacob Longacre Walker, *Steward*,
Henry Cowden, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornelius Hedges, Sr., James W. Hathaway,
Walter E. Frederick, Henry M. Parchen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Bennett, William G.
Cater, Charles *S*
Cook, Andrew B.
Cummings, Pat W.
Day, Edward Cason
Easterly, Allen M.
Edgar, Alfred D.
Featherman, James Benjamin
Featherman, John A.
Garrett, Clarence B.
Gates, Albert R.
Hedges, Cornelius, Jr.

Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin *M*
Jones, Louis L.
Kirkendall, Thomas B.
Kleinschmidt, Theodore H.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
McCann, William Henry
Middlemas, David W.
Neill, Edward D
Nolan, Cornelius B.
Palmer, Alex. L.
Parchen, Albert D.
Robinson, Jeremiah
Schwab, Samuel
Sederburg, Albert W.
Sommers, Henry
Spalding, William Scott
Stewart, William Wallace
Strong, Harry
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Turton, John Booth
Walk, Walter W.
Wood, George R.
Wommelsdorf, Emil—51.

RESTORED:

Easterly, Allen M.—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Smith, William Dulin—1.

DIED:

McClatchey, William—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	45	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	5	Died	1
Affiliated	2	Now borne upon the roll	51—53.
Restored	1—53.		

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Charles Willis Norton, *T. Ill. M.*, Arthur Morgan Noble, *Recorder*,
William Peter Steinbeck, *D. Ill. M.*, Henry Ephriam Robbins, *C. of G'ds*,
Durrett Oliver Castle, *P. C. Works*, Edward Clement Stewart, *Conductor*,
James Webb Smith, *Treasurer*, Charles Campbell Adams, *Steward*,
Charles Edward Howe, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies, *P. G. M.*, Alexander Chalmers.
Edward Richards Hedges, *P. G. M.*,

SELECT MASTERS:

Bachmann, Carl August
Barber, Hyland Ebe
Bennett, Paul Witherly
Blodgett, John Millard
Briscoe, Henry Ferguson
Brown, Philip Thomas
Buckland, Leonard Harrison
Caine, John
Catts, George Elbert
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Clark, Fred Pope
Cobb, Frank Dyckman
Cross, Samuel Nelson
Dalby, Samuel Price
Farnsworth, Clovis Alonzo
Finnell, Michael
Fitzgerald, William Wesley
Fraser, Philip Barry
Friedberger, Arnold
Friedberger, Leo
Garwood, John
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
Hadcock, David
Harrison, William Bruce
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Henderson, Orrin Staples
Hickox, Francis Gaylord
Jory, John
Kennedy, Hallie Charles
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Kincaid, Fred Llewellyn
Lane, Frank Ellis
Langford, George William
Latta, Samuel Eikenbarry
Lorenz, William Henry
Mallett, Albert
McCreary, Edward Davis
McKenzie, Geo. Alexander, *P. G. M.*
McLeod, John *H*
Meyer, Fred Olin
Miller, John Henry
Muenter, August Edward
Peart, Luke W.
Peterson, Richard Letcher
Phipps, William Grant
Powell, Barton Jerome
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Isaac Henry
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Russell, Richard William
Schlichtman, Claus
Seeley, John Whitney
Shaw, Henry Coffin
Sink, Reuben Henry
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Stone, William Henry
Swain, Cornelius
Swain, Joseph Henry
Thompson, Edward Rees
Tindall, Pleasant Hay
Wittenmayer Lewis Cass
Yardley, John—76.

EXCLUDED:

Bransford, Edgar McDowell
Sperry, George Barker—2.

DIED:

Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins
Hood, Edward Elbridge
Shurtleff, George Augustus—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....76
Greeted..... 5—81.
Excluded 2
Died 3
Now borne upon the roll.....76—81

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Willis Milnor Dixon, *T. Ill. M.*,
Warren Edward Rowley; *D. Ill. M.*,
William Henry Gaynor, *P. C. of W.*,
Walter Clements Durgin, *Treasurer*,
Wm. Byron Scarborough, *Recorder*,
Wm. Edwin Chamberlain, *Capt. of G.*,
William Watson Lovett, *Conductor*,
Caleb Amos Yarnell, *Steward*,
Wm. Hutchinson Henderson, *Org'st.*
Edward Hall Miller, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme, *P. G. M.*,
Granville Quincy Stewart,
Robert Gilmore Cunningham,
August Wackerbarth, *P. G. M.*,
Julius Brousseau,
Wm. Byron Scarborough, *P. G. M.*,
George Sinsabaugh,
David Monroe Sutherland,
John Francis Hughes.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Horace Bishop
Adcock, Robert James
Armstrong, George
Arnold, William Ralph
Arnoldt, Herman
Aylsworth, George Webb
Bacon, George
Bagby, Edwin Hanson
Bagley, Charles Leland
Baldwin, Cornelius Vanoy
Barden, Edward Everett
Barrow, Thomas Martin
Beckett, Wesley Wilbur
Belcher, Harry Arthur
Berger, Andrew S.
Bernard, Gustav Adolph George
Berner, John Bismarck
Bicknell, John Dustin
Biescar, Henry
Bille, Marsello
Billington, Theophilus
Blackmer, Eli Tucker
Blades, Paul Harcourt
Bliesner, William John
Bosbyshell, William
Boswell, Frank Moore
Bowen, John Wesley
Bradbeer, James *H*
Bradish, Avery Jackson
Branch, John Franklin
Braun, Henry
Bresee, Phineas Wright
Brill, William
Brink, John Edward
Brode, Alexander Charles
Brode, Walter Charles
Brookman, Arthur
Brown, Charles Milton
Brown, John Alexander
Browning, Charles Clifton
Bryson, Frank
Buchanan, James Alexander
Bulla, Robert Nelson
Bullis, Omri
Burkhardt, Adolph
Burns, Orin *L.*
Burns, Robert Wallace
Burr, Charles Martin
Burr, John
Campbell, Alfred Quincy

Campbell, John Mis
Cannon, John Stevens
Carper, Philip Daniel
Caswell, William Mitchell
Cave, Daniel
Chase, Lucius Kurtz
Cline, William
Cobb, Edward Sigourney
Cohn, Elias
Colbert, Patrick
Conradi, Simon
Cook, George Washington
Cooksey, Job Emit
Conrey, Nathaniel Parrish
Crawford, James Seth
Cunningham, Frank *R*
Cunningham, John Calvin
Davis, Harvey
Dewey, James Henry
Dill, Robie Everett
Donnell, John Alexander
Drain, John Hamilton
Drought, Robert
Duffill, Harry
Duffie, John Jefferson
Dunham, James Elias
Dunsmoor, John Marcus
Dutcher, Claude Elmer
Eason, Charles Horace
Eckstrom, Albert Axel
Eichelberger, Harry Martin
Eldridge, Septimus T.
Fairchild, John Anthony
Ferbert, John *C*
Ferris, Horace Bayles
Field, Benjamin Franklin
Fiscus, Joseph
Fisher, Donnell George
Fitch, George Atkins
Flint, Frank Putnam
Folsom, Niles Rathbone
Fordham, Milton Cephas
Foshay, James *A*
Fraisher, Robert Love
Francis, Ira Johnson
Fraser, Leonidas Polk
Garthside, Joseph Kelton
Gehrkens, William Henry
Getchell, Charles Edward
Gillis, Robert Cowan
Glass, Henry
Goehring, John George
Gotthelf, David
Greene, Emery Taylor
Greppin, Ernest Henry
Grubb, Oscar Edwin
Guthrie, Finis William
Habel, George Henry
Hamburger, Moses Asher
Hamilton, Harley Erastus
Hammond, William T. Sherman
Hanselman, John Wesley
Harper, Arthur Cyprian
Harrison, William Henry
Hart, Alexander Hamilton
Hart, Frank John
Hart, George Alandson
Haskell, John Condit
Haydock, Clarence
Henderson, Andrew
Henderson, William Alexander
Herr, George Frederick
Herron, Fred Irvine
Herron, Rufus Hills
Hervey, William Rhodes
Hiatt, William Macy
Hines, Fred Amos
Holland, Lauren Thomas
Hollingsworth, Wm. Irving
Houselibe, William John
Howry, Charles DeForest
Hubbard, William Lewis
Jacobi, Louis
Jones, John Taylor
Jones, Mark *G*
Jordan, Franklin
Jeffries, William Parrish
Jeffries, William Thomas

Kennedy, Lewis H.
Kieth, George Frank
Kingsbury, William S.
Kingsley, John Amos
King, John
Kinney, Arthur Wilson
Kirkland, Derwentwater
Kitchen, John Franklin
Knickerbocker, Niles
Koyer, Arthur Sheppard
Krempel, John Paul
Krohn, Henry George
Kyto, George Irvin
Lander, Benjamin Stewart
Lang, Fred Selwyn
Leix, Frederick
Levy, Michael
Lloyd, Charles
Long, James William
Louis, Emanuel J
Ludlow, George Watson
Mack, Patrick Henry
Mackay, George Grant
Maier, Simon
Mart, Charles
Martin, Julius Herbert
Masters, John Henry
Masters, Robert Emmett
Matheson, John Luther
McAllister, Frank Allister
McAllister, James Pinkerton
McClurkin, William John
McComas, Charles
McCoy, David Allen
McCray, Morris Lynn
McFie, William Thomas
McLeod, John A.
Mead, Charles Abiel
Mead, William Howard
Medina, John Blancarte
Melczer, Joseph
Merrill, Joseph Lane
Merwin, Andrew Homer
Meserve, Frank Pierce
Meyer, Samuel
Miller, John McCalmont
Miller, Robert Warren
Mitchell, Charles Edward
Moore, Thomas Edward
Morgan, Oscar Crellin
Morgan, William Adams
Morrison, Wm. Edward Domville
Mott, Albert Clark
Mueller, Oscar Charles
Murphy, Claire Warren
Murphy, Joseph Launes
Murray, Alexander Wilson
Murray, John Emmett
Mussey, Nathaniel Dickson
Myrick, Nathaniel Willis
Nicholls, Andrew
Nightingale, John Henry
Noble, William C. Hayes
Off, John William Arnold
Owens, Madison Townsend
Pallette, Edward M.
Parker, Francis Marion
Paul, John Rink
Pease, Niles
Pease, Sherman
Peck, Daniel Gauger
Pendell, Charles Elisha
Perry, John Sargent
Petteborne, Henry Wells
Pfaffinger, Frank Xavier
Pierce, Clarence W.
Pillsbury, George Eber
Poundstone, Jacob
Powers, Edward Everett
Preston, Jasper Newton
Rees, Bert
Reid, James Arthur
Renfro, Alva D.
Rhodes, Allin Lee
Rideout, William Andrew
Rockwell, Lorenzo Anson
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Ross, Frederick Wm.

Rule, Ferd Kennett
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Scheerer, Conrad
Schmidt, Fred Wilhelm Theodore
Schoder, Howard J.
Schrieber, William George
Schuler, Louis Herman
Schwaebe, Lewis Henry
Sebastine, Charles Edward
Sexton, Charles Wesley
Shelton, Harry Ashton
Sherman, Moses Hazeltine
Simms, John H.
Skinner, Alden W.
Small, Richard Ellsworth
Smart, George Joseph
Smith, Benjamin N.
Smith, Charles Alton
Smith, Everett Russell
Smith, Joseph Augustus
Smith, Melvin David
Smith, William Albert
Snow, Harry L.
Snyder, Meredith Pinxton
Spaulding, Fred Leverett
Spence, William Glenn
Spinks, Wallace Humphrey
Stansbury, Charles
Stephens, Wm. Dennison
Stewart, George Hadley
Storrow, Samuel
Strassburg, Edward
Strohm, Thomas
Suits, Elihu Daniel
Sweet, Otto
Talmage, James Clark
Tanner, Wilson Gustin
Teagle, Leander Allen
Thayer, Joseph Harriot
Thompson, Chester Weaver
Thompson, John Scott Vance De C
Thompson, William Edward
Thomson, Robert Mossman
Trobeck, John August
Tuttle, Victor Hugo
Uhl, George
Urmston, John Kreck
Valiant, George Francis
Valentine, William Lucas
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Variel, Robert Henry Fauntleroy
Vawter, Edwin James
Vetter, Louis Fisher
Vignolo, Ambrogio
Vogel, Herman Oscar
Wade, Robert David
Walker, Daniel Henry
Wankowski, Robert
Ward, Ben E.
Wardell, Ralph Hewitt
Weber, John
Webster, James William
Weidner, Peter
Welch, William Ormond
Wheeler, Emanuel Randolph
Wheeler, Horace Marcellus
Whiting, Perry
Whitman, William Colfax
Willis, Frank Rominar
Wood, Charles Modini
Wreden, Carl Von
Young, John William
Youngworth, Leo Valtus—318.

WITHDRAWN:

Langdon, Frederick Sylvester
Thompson, Omer Cones
Varcoe, George—3.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Cummings, William George
Dornfield, Ferdinand Emil
Drake, James Frederick
Morgan, Addison
Morris, John Wood
Smith, Henry Augustus
Watson, George Samuel—7.

DIED:

Brodtbeck, Otto Walter
Illich, Gerolomo—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	276	Withdrawn	3
Greeted	53	Suspended for N. P. D.	7
Affiliated	1—330.	Died	2
		Now borne upon the roll	318—330.

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, fifth Thursday of months having five Thursdays.

OFFICERS:

George W. Boxley, *Th. Ill. M.*,
William John Chesney, *Dep. Ill. M.*,
Edward Harrison Morgan, *P. C. W.*,
W. Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*,
George Henry Smith, *Recorder*,
Frank Reeve Woolsey, *Capt. of G.*,
Fred Duane Voorhees, *Conductor*,
Joseph Knowland, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett, *P. G. M.*
James Bestor Merritt, *P. G. M.*
W. Frank Pierce, *P. G. M.*
Edward Harrison Morgan,
Webb Nicholson Pearce,
Edwin Allen Sherman,
Eugene Carmeny,
Edward Constant Robinson,
William Clay Smith,
Robert Edgar,
Amasa Wright Bishop,
Augustus Lewis Ott,
Damien Edmont Fortin,
Albert H. Merritt, *G. M.*
John Alexander Britton,
George Henry Smith,
Charles Herbert Wever.

SELECT MASTERS:

Aiken, Ilo R.
Allen, Chas. Hamilton
Austin, George William
Austin, Harry
Avery, Mark Herbert
Badger, Thomas Norman

Bahls, Richard
Baker, Alvin W.
Bates, Joseph Clement
Beckwith, John A.
Bell, Harmon
Bergsten, Oscar Paulus
Bice, John
Bilger, Frank William
Blohm, Charles Henry
Borton, Chester Cooper
Breed, Arthur Hastings
Brown, Lewis Henry
Browne, Henry Rosekrans
Brunner, Henry Ernest
Bullock, Richard Steele
Burrell, Alfred William
Burt, Frederick Leslie
Buteau, Samuel Hall
Cahill, Patrick
Carman, Frank Vanvy
Carpenter, Arthur Eugene
Chalmers, George Fred
Clark, William Amir
Clawiter, Edward Henry
Cole, James Cairns
Cook, Frank Bigelow
Corder, Arthur Elmer
Cowell, Charles Herbert
Cozzens, Arthur Eugene
Crellin, Thomas Arthur
Crooks, John Chisholm
Crossman, William Thomas
Cull, William Davenport
Cushing, Frank Worthy
Dailey, William Curtis
Dakin, Frederick Holroyd
Dallam, Fred Boothby
Dallerup, John
Dalton, Henry Philip
Davis, Judson Milton
Davis, Lucien Dwight
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
Dibert, Wayne Clay
Doane, Raymond Orrin
Douglass, Charles Henry
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Dudley, William Moses
Edward, Ambrose Frederick
Ely, Ralph Asahel
Emerson, Harry Wylie
Emigh, Thomas Powell
Evans, Charles
Evans, Robert Griffith
Evers, John Henry
Ferrier, Francis
Fisher, George Cresse
Flood, Alfred James
Foster, Newell Kelley
French, Robert Ellsworth
Friend, Roger Benjamin
Fulton, William
Gilbert, Ethan Allen
Gilpin, Zachary Taylor
Glines, Herbert Atherton
Gompertz, Walter Alexander
Goodman, George
Graham, Francis Elmer
Granger, Farley Benjamin
Grau, Edward Arnold
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gregory, Calvin Levi
Gunn, Adam Francis
Hahn, Henry Casper
Hamilton, William Thomas
Handy, Brayton Everington
Hansen, Albert Lauritz
Hansen, Hans Peter
Hansen, Peter Christian
Havard, Richard Daniel
Hawes, Benjamin Cowell
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Heeseman, Charles J.
Hellwig, George Peter
Hewes, Charles Leslie
Hill, Otis
Holmgren, John Alexander
Hopper, John Frederick E.

Horner, Charles F.
Hume, William Robert
Hunt, Charles Melville
Huxley, Thomas Charles
Jackson, Alton Cass
James, Edward Harrison
Johnson, Christian Ole
Jones, Algernon Sydney
Kales, Martin William
Keiser, Chris
Kempkey, Augustus F. K.
Kendall, Alpheus
Knowland, Joseph Alexander
Koser, Newton Alexander
Lancaster, Americus V.
Leach, Abraham Powell
Loch, Frederick William
Long, Charles Stuart
Lord, Carlos Reuben
Love, Thomas
Loy, William Edward
Makins, Joseph Henry
Manuel, Walter Griswold
Marlin, Henry B.
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Martin, John
Mauzy, Byron
May, Henry
McClain, Joseph
McClymonds, John William
McKeen, Albert Atwater
McLaughlin, Charles Weldy
McNulty, Harry James
Meek, Harry Wert
Meek, Rudolph Wallace
Meek, William Ellsworth
Meese, Constant
Meredith, James Washington
Metcalf, George Dickson
Metcalf, Solon Theres
Michaels, Henry
Miller, Charles Howard
Miller, Thomas Irving
Minor, Robert
Mobley, Warren G.
Morris, Moses
Moulthrop, Carlton Francis
Moulthrop, Willey Howard
Murphy, James Joseph
Nordman, Peter
Nutting, Charles Wilber
O'Donnell, Francis Henry E.
Ohea, George Harvey
O'Neill, Peter J.
Owen, William Henry Searls
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall
Payne, George Henry
Petherick, John Henry
Phillips, John Waterman
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Piercy, Arthur Thomas
Price, Wallace Covert
Prindle, Edward C.
Prowse, Charles
Randall, Charles Wells
Robbins, Henry Russell
Robertson, Albert Atwater
Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Roeth, George
Russell, Thomas Bartlett
Sansom, John A.
Schindler, Henry Bernard
Schleuter, Edward C.
Schleuter, Herman F.
Schrock, William A.
Schwarz, Henry
Scott, John Walter
Slater, Urates Majer
Smith, Graham
Smith, Kirby Bounty
Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Spreckels, Richard
Standeford, William Burt
Stromgren, Gustave Adolph
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Swain, Herschel Vespucian, Jr.
Taylor, James Howard
Thomas, Charles Frank

Thomas, Charles Goodwin
Thompson, Robert Crawford
Tuttle, Hiram Sinclair
Volmer, Rudolph
Walker, Percy John
Walsh, Edward Marion
Wanger, Gustave Adolf
Watson, Franklin Granville
Webster, Leander Rankin
Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Werner, Edward Peter
Westlake, Leonard John
Whipple, Edwin
Whitlatch, Daniel Harry
Whitmore, Welles
Wight, Frederick Gordon
Wilkes, Farrington
Wilkes, William E.
Williams, John
Williamson, Willard Forsyth
Winchell, Colvin S.
Woodin, Eugene
Woolsey, Philip Sheridan
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablonsky, John—230.

DIED:

Bradley, John Tilford
Martin, Henry Vassel
Peterson, Anders
Thompson, Frank Bartlett—4.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report 188
Greeted..... 45
Affiliated..... 1—234.
Died 4
Now borne upon the roll..230—234.

GATEWAY COUNCIL, No. 13.

Auburn, Placer County.

Stated meetings, third Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John M. Fulweiler, *Th. Ill. Master*, David Wlademer Lubeck, *Recorder*,
Alex. K. Robinson, *Dep. Ill. Master*, Jonathan Fulton, *C. of Guards*,
William Albert Crowell, *Prin. C. W.*, William Isaac May, *Conductor*,
Alfred Lovell Smith, *Treasurer*, John Coleman Safford, *Steward*,
Frederick Solon Stevens, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Jacob Hart Neff, *P. G. M.*
John Gould Bisbee, *P. G. M.*

SELECT MASTERS:

Ahlborn, Charles Joseph
Akers, Charles Duval
Allen, George Eugene
Anderson, Albert Wallace
Anderson, William Craig
Bell Joseph Vincent

Birdsall, Ernest Stratton
Brown, Edward Doyle
Chappellet, Felix, Jr.
Coombs, William
Cowan, Gordon Robinson
Curtis, Henry Chittenden
Davis, Frederick Calvin
Delano, Ira Lemuel
Disque, Henry
Duggan, Charles Martin
Gladding, Albert James
Haenny, John
Hawk, Elbridge Lafayette
Jansen, Walter
Kendall, Edward John
Lardner, William Branson
Linninger, Michael David
Mardis, Benjamin Allen
Martin, Charles
McAninch, John
McAulay, George
Michael, Martin
Nicholls, William, Jr.
Pemberton, George Francis
Power, Harold Thomas
Powers, Amos Mathews
Roberts, Robert William
Rooney, Robert Fleming
Smith, Benjamin Franklin
Sparks, William Martin
Stevens, Amos
Stevenson, Thomas
Todd, Thomas Milton
Woodard, John Carlton—51.

WITHDRAWN:

Ackerman, Francis Marion—1.

DIED:

Coffin, Isaac Tibbetts—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....51	Withdrawn..... 1
Greeted ..... 2—53.	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll. ....51—53.

SANTA ANA COUNCIL, No. 14.

Santa Ana, Orange County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Charles D. Fairbanks, *T. Ill. Master*, Elmer S. Wallace, *Recorder*,
Walter Maxwell Scott, *Dep. Ill. M.*, Max Reinhaus, *Captain of Guards*,
Leonard Frank Harvey, *Prin. C. W.*, Alan Fowler Smith, *Conductor*,
Robert Francis Chilton, *Treasurer*, Thomas Benton Tyerman, *Steward*,
John Saxon Haywood, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

James William Towner,
James Hedges Hall,
James Dean Wilder,
Edwin Dumont Buss.

SELECT MASTERS:

Balcom, Balys Greenwood
Ball, Charles Dexter
Bisby, Robert Lee
Bowers, Addison Crockett
Bradford, Albert Sumner
Bundy, Milton John
Buck, John Henry
Burke, Orin Harry
Clark, George Crook
Coltrin, Amador Francis
Conn, Frederick
Cushman, Ruggles Allerton
Deyoe, Frederick Theodore
Diers, Henry
Dryer, John Lewis
Fairbanks, Harlan
Faust, George Andrew Willis
Frampton, George Reed
Gamble, Austin Abram
Gildmacher, Joseph
Greeley, John Philip
Gregg, Walter Scott
Griffith, George Whitefield, Jr.
Harding, Foster William
Hately, William
Hill, Samuel
Holgate, Schofield
Honey, Edwin Alonzo
Lee, Eugene Tewksbury
Leithead, William Wilson
Lovett, Charles Edward
Lutz, William Frederick
McCarric, Franklin
McNeill, Christopher
McTaggart, Neil Godfrey
Medlock, James Randolph
Menges, Marion Albert
Nichols, John Brown
Paine, James Robert
Parker, Charles Edward
Preble, George Edward
Raymond, Revand Rodgers
Reinhaus, Julius
Richardson, Erwin Ellsworth
Royer, Daniel Franklin
Shaw, Linn Lee
Small, Lucien
Starbuck, Henry Fletcher
Toothaker, George Dexter
Trudo, Edward
Upham, Harry George
Waffle, Edson Dwight
Watson, Kellar *E.*
Whidden, George Akerman
Whitney, Mervin Newton
Wilkinson, Laurence Smith
Wood, William Bell—70.

DIED:

King, James William

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....62
Greeted..... 8
Affiliated..... 1—71.
Died..... 1
Now borne upon the roll.....70—71.

VENTURA COUNCIL, No. 15.

Ventura, Ventura County.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday after Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS:

Frederick Wm. Baker, *Th. Ill. M'ter*, Parke Wilfred Kauffman, *Recorder*,
Willis Philip Lincoln, *Dep. Ill. M'ter*, George Cook, *Capt. of G.*,
Richard Owen Robinson, *Prin. C. W.*, Herbert Alvaro Giddings, *Conductor*,
John Stephenson Collins, *Treasurer*, William McGuire, *Steward*,
Truman Barrick Gosnell, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Albert Perham Hardy, Frederick William Baker.

SELECT MASTERS:

Argabrite, Jacob Lewis
Blackstock, Nehemiah
Burson, Edward Wright
Burson, George Washington
Burson, Willis
Butcher, William Preston
Carr, Earl
Carr, Phelitus Sprague
Day, James Allen
Dennison, David Rhodes
Dodge, Edward Gardner
Ely, Martin Juda
Engstrom, Frans Otto
Kilson, George Elmer
Knight, Clarence Crosby
Metcalf, Winfield Bradbury
Neel, Henry Harrison
Reese, David John
Power, George Coffin
Rice, Thomas Alexander
Rowley, Charles Harvey
Soper, Orville
Starkweather, Geo. Albert
Taggart, James William
Thompson, Mark
Turner, William Henry
Wittemyer, John Lewis—37.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report .....25 Now borne upon the roll .....37.
Greeted.....12—37.

PASADENA COUNCIL, NO. 16.

Pasadena, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings—Second Tuesday in each Month.

OFFICERS:

Charles Joseph Willett, *Th. Ill. M.*, William Bryant Edwards, *Recorder*,
Romayne Williams, *Dep. Ill. M'er*, Benj. Brooks Cartright, *Capt. of G.*,
Oscar Otto Freeman, *Prin. C. W.*, Jefferson Corvesso Fraser, *Conductor*,
William Henry Vedder, *Treasurer*, Henry Sherry, *Steward*,
Neils Lewis Thompson, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

George Washington Skyrme, Charles Joseph Willett.

SELECT MASTERS.

Ball, Benjamin Franklin	Peaslee, John
Clark, James	Perrin, Leonard
Crump, Edward Sisson	Porter, La Fayette Seward
Frary, Leander Warren	Rhodes, Charles Hillyer
Geohegan, Harry	Richardson, Warren Josiah
Grimes, Charles	Rossiter, John Gormley
Hansen, Nels Peter	Shibley, William
Hughes, James Barr	Skillen, Charles Moses
McGregory, William Whitney	Smith, John Martin—28.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....22	Now borne upon the roll... ..28.
Greeted 5	
Affiliated ..... 1—28.	

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council June 26, A. Dep. 2860.

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS, ... *Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ... *Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Grand Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOHN ASHBY TUTT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*LOUIS COHN, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Grand Master;*
*LOUIS COHN, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1868.

*Joseph Isaacs,.....*Grand Master;*
Frederick Ferdinand Barss,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*William Franklin Knox,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Stephen Wing,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

Frederick Ferdinand Barss,.....*Grand Master;*
*Stephen Wing,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*Leonard Goss,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Thomas Kyle,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

*Stephen Wing,.....*Grand Master;*
Thomas Kyle,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

Thomas Kyle,.....*Grand Master;*
*William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

*William Thomas Reynolds,.....*Grand Master;*
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

Powell Samuel Lawson,.....*Grand Master;*
Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Edmund Taylor Wilkins,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
Wm. Monroe Petrie,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

Henry Sayre Orme,.....*Grand Master;*
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
William Monroe Petrie,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*George Tuttle Grimes,.....*Grand Master;*
William Monroe Petrie,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
Edward Richards Hedges,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Master;*
*EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1879.

*EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1886.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
W. FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
W. FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
W. FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
W. FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

W. FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works*

1891.

W. FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1892.

W. FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1893.

*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1894.

GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Master;*
*CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1895.

*CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1896.

WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1897.

HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1898.

ROBERT ASH, ... *Grand Master;*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JACOB HART NEFF, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1899.

AUGUST WACKERBARTH, ... *Grand Master;*
JACOB HART NEFF, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WM. BYRON SCARBOROUGH, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1900.

JACOB HART NEFF, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM BYRON SCARBOROUGH, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN GOULD BISBEE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1901.

WILLIAM BYRON SCARBOROUGH, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN GOULD BISBEE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1902.

JOHN GOULD BISBEE, ... *Grand Master;*
ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT ..... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DAVID MONROE SUTHERLAND ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1903.

ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT, ... *Grand Master;*
DAVID MONROE SUTHERLAND, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
EDUARD KEIL, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council R.·. and S.·. M.·. of California:

I herewith present my Third Annual Report as Committee on Correspondence for the year 1903, being a review of the Proceedings of the following Twenty-eight Grand Councils, from which Proceedings have been received since last report, to wit:

COLORADO	1902	NEBRASKA	1902
CONNECTICUT	1902	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1902
ENGLAND AND WALES	1902	NEW JERSEY	1902
GEORGIA	1902	NEW YORK	1902
ILLINOIS	1902	NORTH CAROLINA	1902
INDIANA	1902	OHIO	1902
INDIAN TERRITORY	1902	OREGON	1902
IOWA	1902	PENNSYLVANIA	1902
KANSAS	1902	RHODE ISLAND	1901
MAINE	1902	SOUTH CAROLINA	1902
MICHIGAN	1902	TENNESSEE	1902
MINNESOTA	1902	VERMONT	1902
MISSISSIPPI	1902	WASHINGTON	1902
MISSOURI	1902	WISCONSIN	1902

COLORADO.

1902.

The Eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Colorado convened at Masonic Temple, Denver, September 10, 1902: CROMWELL TUCKER, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from nine Subordinate Councils; CALVIN B. REED representing California.

The Grand Master's address was concise in character, dealing principally with the business before the Grand Council. The year was uneventful, no inroads having been made in the ranks of the Grand Council by death, and only a few deaths were recorded by Subordinate Councils. He reported a fair increase of memberships in the Jurisdiction, which might have been materially increased had the officers of the Councils been active in their duties.

The Committee on Matters of Relationship with the General Grand Council reported that the differences would be amicably settled at the next Triennial Session.

The decision of the Grand Master, that a regularly installed officer could not resign, was not concurred in by the Judiciary Committee; quoting the rule of the General Grand Council, which reads as follows: "The associations of Masonry being voluntary, any officer of a Council may resign his office." With all due respect to the General Grand Council, we believe the decision of the Grand Master was in accordance with the Old Regulation. If the Old Regulation has been changed, when was it done, and by whom, and by what authority?

The report of the Grand Recorder shows the number greeted during the year, 21; affiliated, 2; died, 7; dimitted, 3; suspended, 1. Total present membership, 442; an increase of 12.

JAMES H. PEABODY was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

1902.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Connecticut convened at the City of Hartford, May 14, 1902: ALBERT S. COMSTOCK, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; JAMES MCCORMICK, Grand Recorder; Representatives from twenty-two Subordinate Councils being present.

The address of the Grand Master was able and exhaustive, covering twelve pages of the Proceedings, five of which were devoted to the memory of departed Companions. He called attention to the unsatisfactory rule which deters the Grand Officers from visiting Subordinate Councils without invitation. The Grand Master is right, and the rule absolutely wrong. The Grand Master's prerogative is absolute, and cannot be changed by custom or edict. The Grand Master ruled that only Cryptic Masons, received and greeted in a lawfully constituted Council, could be recognized in that Jurisdiction. (How about healing Chapter-made Cryptic Masons? In California the right of healing is recognized.)

The reports from Grand Officers, designated for Visitation, were very interesting; and I would again suggest that the plan be adopted by California.

JOHN H. BARLOW, *P.·. G.·. M.·.*, Committee on Correspondence, gives a page to California. He fully indorses our recommendation of Visitation as the best means of keeping up an interest in the Rite, remarking that it has been the practice for years in Connecticut, with success. Referring to Florida, he has written to the last reputed Recorder, but since learned of his death, and presumes the Grand Council was buried with him.

The returns show Connecticut still forging ahead in membership. For the year there were received and greeted, 217; reinstated, 2; withdrawn, suspended, etc., 41; died, 79; present membership, 3,691; gain, 97.

JOSEPH S. STOKES was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and JAMES MCCORMICK re-elected Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

1902.

The Most Puissant Grand Council Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales held its Annual Meeting at Mark Masons' Hall, City of London, Thursday, March 13, 1902: The Rt. Hon. THE EARL of EUSTON, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; C. F. MATIER, *P.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.*, Grand Recorder, with a full list of Grand Officers present.

Minutes of the meeting of the Grand Council of March 14, 1901, were read and concurred in.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master was saluted according to Ancient Form.

The Grand Recorder reported that twenty certificates of membership were issued during the year—the smallest number for years. He sincerely hoped that the Companions of the Cryptic Rite would not neglect any opportunity of placing the merits and beauties of the Degrees before possible candidates.

Total number of registered members 972.

The Grand Recorder reported that the relationship with all Grand Councils continued to be of the most friendly nature. Thanks were tendered to the American Grand Councils for friendly recognition and expressions of fraternal regard.

The *Ill.·.* Grand Recorder noted the appointment of the Chairman of Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Council of California, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of England and Wales near the Grand Council of California, with the honorary title of *P.·. G.·. P.·. C.·.* of *W.·.*, which honor is duly appreciated by the recipient.

The *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master appointed the *Ill.·.* EARL of YARBOROUGH, Deputy Grand Master; and *Ill.·.* C. F. MATIER, *P.·· D.·. G.·. M.·.*, Grand Recorder. Comp. R. BERRIDGE was re-elected Grand Treasurer.

There are 29 Councils under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of England and Wales.

GEORGIA.

1902.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Georgia was held at Masonic Temple, Macon, April 29, 1902; WILLIAM A. DAVIS, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; W. A. WOLIHIN, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from sixteen Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master was pleased to announce that the ranks of the Grand Council had not been broken by death during the year; that the membership had gradually increased; that two new Councils had been instituted during the year; that the financial affairs were in a healthy condition,

and that peace and harmony prevailed. He is a firm believer in progression and evolution of good; that the man is greatest who gives his life for his fellow-man; that the spirit of humanity is destined to dominate the world and master mankind. God grant that this divine spirit of love may finally actuate every heart.

Charters were granted to four new Councils. There are now 31 Subordinate Councils, 20 of which reported a membership of 625, this being the only reference to memberships in the proceedings. We suggest that the Grand Recorder give us something more definite in his next report. The Proceedings of 1901 noted a membership of 630, and a gain for that year of 102.

JULIUS L. BROWN was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and W. A. WOLIHIN was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

1902.

The Fiftieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Illinois was held at Chicago, October 29, 1902: WILLIAM B. CARLOCK, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; GIL. W. BARNARD, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from forty Subordinate Councils; *Ill.·.* JOHN A. LADD representing California.

The address of the Grand Master was a well-prepared business paper, covering twelve pages of the Proceedings. He was pleased to announce encouraging results from the work of the year. Four new Councils were instituted, all of which reported enthusiastic work, with the result of twenty-eight new members; that of Rock Island embracing the Eminent Commander of the Commandery, High Priest of the Chapter, and Master and Senior Warden of the Lodge. Thirty-two visitations were made by the Grand Master, showing a zeal in the work which all Grand Masters should emulate to the advantage of the Rite. In closing, he bespoke bright prospects for his successor.

There were greeted, admitted and reinstated during the year, 422; dimitted, suspended and died, 126; present membership, 3,269; a gain for the year of 296.

JOHN C. HOLLENBECK was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and GIL. W. BARNARD was re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

1902.

The Forty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Indiana was held at Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, Tuesday, October 21, 1902: in the absence of the Grand Master *Ill.·.* JOHN J. RICHARDS, *Past Ill.·.*

Grand Master HENRY W. MARDHURST, presiding; CALVIN W. PRATHER, Grand Recorder; Representatives from forty-eight Subordinate Councils being present, *Ill.·.* ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK representing California.

Resolution of regret at the absence of the Grand Master, caused by illness, was adopted, and ordered forwarded to him.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master was read by the Recorder, regretting his inability to perform the duties of office, as he had desired. He noted with pleasure the prosperity of the Rite, and its bright prospects for the future. He reported the appointment of the *Ill.·.* DAVID M. SUTHERLAND of Los Angeles as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Indiana near the Grand Council of California.

Ill.·. HENRY W. MORDHURST, Chairman of Correspondence Committee, quotes the just, apt, and forcible criticism made by Grand Master SCARBOROUGH of the action of the trustees of the Masonic Temple Association, or Grand Lodge, in fencing out the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of California from access to the Masonic library. Also, agrees with the Grand Master in the suggestion that candidates should be allowed to join the most accessible Council, instead of being barred by the present iron-clad regulations. He also endorses the proposition advanced by the writer hereof, "that when a Grand Master shows active interest in the building up of the Rite, he should be re-elected to a second term."

Indiana is one of the jurisdictions where the Rite is in a flourishing state of progress. There were greeted during the year 228; reinstated, 8; affiliated, 19; died, 58; dimitted, 48; suspended, 48; present membership, 3,081—a gain of 101. One Council, with a membership of 58, not reporting.

GEORGE F. KEIPER was elected *Most Ill.* Grand Master, and CALVIN W. PRATHER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

1902.

The Grand Council of Indian Territory held its Eighth Annual Assembly at Oklahoma City, April 9, 1902: DAVID MORRIS HAILEY, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from six Councils.

The Grand Master's address was short and pointed. He was pleased to state that they met with ranks unbroken by death. That he had given what time he could spare in the interests of the Rite, and had exercised his best ability in the building up of the Order. He had hopes of organizing several new Councils, but only one had materialized. Still, the prospects were comparatively bright for the future.

The Recorder reported two Councils defunct, and that the prospects were not encouraging.

The number of members last year was 135. This year he reported 133; loss, 2.

HERBERT JOHNSON EVANS was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and JOSEPH SAMUEL, Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

1902.

The Third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Iowa was held at Cedar Rapids, October 8, 1902: WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; ALF. WINGATE, Grand Recorder; Representatives being present from eight of the thirteen Councils on the roll.

The Grand Master, in his address, spoke encouragingly of the Rite in Iowa, accompanied with thanks to the Companions who assisted in its upbuilding—and to such must the Rite look for its future prosperity and success. He discountenanced the habit of Masons giving their whole labor and influence to the upbuilding of any one body of Masonry, at the expense of others. He gave the old excuse, "business," for not visiting Subordinate Councils, but, as an offset, reported granting dispensations for the organization of five new Councils—showing commendable progress and growth of the Rite; and it is with pleasure we welcome Iowa to the progressive column—may she continue to advance.

The returns show: Greeted, and admitted, 52; dimitted, suspended and died, 50; net gain, 2; present membership, 629.

F. W. CRAIG was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and ALF. WINGATE was re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

1902.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Kansas was held at Fort Scott, February 17, 1902: BESTOR G. BROWN, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM M. SHAVER, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from seventeen Subordinate Councils present.

The Grand Master's address covers over six pages of the Proceedings, treating the Rite on the lines of business, and with fraternal suggestions. He noted the steady growth of the Cryptic Rite, and recognized by the best Masonic students as the most valuable of all the various systems. It is a Crypt wherein the most valuable treasures and traditions have been safely preserved for ages, and patronized by the brightest and most learned of the Masonic Order. He referred especially to the Memorial Deposit made at the summit of Pike's Peak in 1899, recommending a pilgrimage to the place of deposit, to inspect the condition of the vault, which had attracted the attention of the Masonic world, and thousands

of annual tourists, to the cloud-wreathed summit of the hoary sentinel of the plains. He reported harmony and active interest in the Rite throughout the Jurisdiction.

Companion SHAVER gives a page and a half to California in his correspondence, which is duly appreciated.

Cryptic Masonry is forging ahead in Kansas, giving promise of a bright and successful future. The returns for 1901 show the number of Councils to be 10; members greeted, 70; affiliated, 2; restored, 5; total, 77. Number of Companions on the rolls, December 31, 1901, 1,107. Net gain, 30.

THOMAS G. FITCH was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and WILLIAM M. SHAVER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

1902.

The Forty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Maine was held at Portland, May 7, 1902: ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Recorder; with Representatives from fourteen Subordinate Councils, *Ill.·.* JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND representing California.

The address of the Grand Master occupies seven pages of the Proceedings. He paid a cordial greeting to the Representatives present, including those of Sister Jurisdictions; congratulating the Grand Council upon the peace, harmony and prosperity of the Rite, and fraternal relations with Sister Jurisdictions. He also paid worthy tribute to the memory of our worthy frater, President WILLIAM MCKINLEY, adding: "May the memory of his strength, gentleness and devotion abide with us, to aid and strengthen our endeavors as citizens, friends and Masons." He reported visiting all Councils assigned to him, and found general thrift and interest pervading the Rite. He recommended that meetings of Subordinate Councils be held regularly, whether there be work yea or nay, thereby keeping up an interest in the Rite. A very wise recommendation.

ALBRO E. CHASE, Chairman of Correspondence, presented an interesting report, reviewing the Proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Councils. Of California he gives an interesting review, copying the words of Grand Master SCARBOROUGH upon the evils of profanity and intemperance, endorsing the sentiments of the Grand Master. We raise our sombrero in appreciation of his complimentary remarks, personal to the writer hereof. In answer to the question, "Why the visitation system of Maine was not commended?" our only apology is, inadvertence; and hereby make amends by a hearty double endorsement. Maine is always right, and nobly so in that line.

There were admitted during the year, 196; affiliated and reinstated, 5. Total, 201. Dimitted, died and suspended, 54. Present membership, 2,862. Gain, 147.

CHARLES E. MESERVEY was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and STEPHEN BERRY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN.

1902.

The Forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Michigan was held at Masonic Temple, Detroit, Monday, January 20, 1902: ITHAMER T. SMITH, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, Grand Recorder; with Representatives present from fifty-four Subordinate Councils, *Ill.·.* BAYARD A. CHURCH representing California.

The address of the Grand Master covers six pages of the Proceedings. We always find food for thought in the annual addresses of the Grand Masters of Michigan, for their conventions are made up of live members of the Rite, heading the list for enthusiastic and good works; and the present was no exception to the rule. He referred to the past year as an eventful one. The assassin and the natural reaper in the fields of mortality have each gathered a full harvest. He expressed, in words fitting the occasion, condemnation and execration of the assassin who shot down our beloved companion in the midst of his great usefulness, our honored President, WILLIAM MCKINLEY. His address was a careful review of the work of the Rite the past year, closing with hope for a continuance of the prosperity of the Order.

A resolution discontinuing Reports on Foreign Correspondence was voted down by the General Council, to whom it was referred. Our Michigan companions are progressive, seeking more light instead of extinguishing what they have. The information obtained from these reports is of the utmost value, and the effect is conducive to the upbuilding of the Rite to the last degree.

There are 57 Subordinate Councils, and the number exalted during the year was 181; affiliated, 7; restored, 9; total gains, 197. Died, 73; dimitted, 29; suspended, 60; expelled, 1; total, 163. Emeritus members, 138. Total membership, 4,637; gain, 70.

Michigan stands third in membership of Grand Councils, being exceeded by Massachusetts and Ohio.

BYRON C. HILL was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and JEFFERSON F. CONOVER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

1902.

Thirty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Minnesota was held at St. Paul, October 13, 1902: HENRY M. TUSLER, *Most Ill.·.* Grand

Master, presiding; THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Recorder; Representatives being present from seven Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master is a short business document. The duties pertaining to the high office were to him a pleasure rather than a burden. He was not called upon for a decision during the year—which was a compliment to the Rite in Minnesota. The stereotyped excuse was made: "No time for visitations—" with usual regrets. Nevertheless, the visitations reported were a fair average of Grand Masters generally. He wisely urged upon Councils the absolute necessity of regular meetings—no Council can otherwise expect to prosper—failure in this is the dry rot which kills.

THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Chairman on Correspondence, quotes liberally from the Proceedings of the Grand Council of California, specially approving our suggestions upon the necessity of visitation, as the great lever for upbuilding the Rite. Also endorses the suggestion "that a Grand Master who takes an active, personal interest in the work, by visitation, should be elected to, at least, a second term."

The report of the Committee on Returns shows 59 greeted; 6 affiliated; 1 restored—total, 66. Withdrawn, 12; stricken from the roll, 20; died, 14. Present membership, 677. Net gain, 20.

EBEN E. CORLISS was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and THOMAS MONTGOMERY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

1902.

The Forty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Mississippi convened at the City of Winona, Tuesday, February 25, 1902: FREDERICK SPEED, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; JOHN S. COBB, Acting Grand Recorder; with Representatives present from thirty-four Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master is an interesting literary production, not only very readable, but glowing with oratorical gems, which it would be sacrilege to emasculate—it must be read as a whole. His glowing tribute to the memory of our illustrious martyr President and Companion, WILLIAM MCKINLEY, was fervid as a live coal from the altar of the gods. This was followed by a no less fervid eulogy upon the death of *Ill.·.* JOHN LOGAN POWER, late Grand Recorder, who died September 24, 1901, honored and respected by all who knew him. He also paid worthy tribute to the memory of *Ill.·.* THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN, not of Iowa alone, for his labors were world-wide. He stated that every Council in his Jurisdiction had been visited during the year, the result being correspondingly beneficial; worthy of being followed by all Grand Masters having the good of the Rite at heart.

Number of Councils reporting, 38, a gain of 9 over the preceding year; greeted, 181; affiliated, 60; reinstated, 7; total gain, 248. Died, 19; suspended, 28; dimitted, 13; total loss, 60. Net gain, 188; total membership, 1,237.

PHINEAS M. SAVERY was elected *Most Ill.*. Grand Master, and FREDERICK SPEED was elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

1902.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Missouri convened at Jefferson City, Wednesday, April 23, 1902: REUBEN BARNEY, *Most Ill.* Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM H. MAYO, Grand Recorder; Representatives from seven Subordinate Councils being present.

The Grand Master opened the session with the assurance of hope in the brightest anticipation of the future. While the official roll of members of the Grand Council had escaped the destroyer, Death, several Subordinate Councils had met with loss of worthy Companions. One new Council had been instituted during the year—*King Solomon*, at Sedalia, with bright promises for the future. He urged the system of visitation, the most successful plan for putting the Rite on a progressive foundation —a system proven a success wherever tried—stating that Councils must have attention, and the weak ones encouraged by the Grand Officers. Sound advice, which should be heeded.

Companion WM. H. MAYO, Grand Recorder, and also Chairman of Correspondence Committee, is a faithful worker for the Rite, handles successfully all the implements of the Craft, of which there is no more important implement than the pen, guided by reason unstinted and courage undaunted.

Missouri is more than holding its own; nevertheless, that great State ought to quadruple its numbers of Cryptic Masons. There are fifteen Councils in the State, but less than half reported accessions.

There were greeted 74; affiliated, 3; reinstated, 2; dimitted, 15; suspended, 12; died, 11. Present number on the roll, 896—a gain of 57 for the year.

CYRUS H. JONES was elected *Most Ill.* Grand Master, and WILLIAM H. MAYO was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA.

1902.

The Twenty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Nebraska was held at Omaha, December 10, 1902: GEORGE W. LINIGAN, *Most Ill.*. Grand Master, presiding; FRANCIS E. WHITE, Grand Recorder; with Representatives present from eleven chartered Councils, and three under dispensation.

The address of the Grand Master is a well prepared document, covering seven pages of the Proceedings, sparkling with gems of bright thoughts, and replete with energy and force. He urges upon all officers of the Rite the fact, that to gain success in the upbuilding of the Order, the whole work should not be placed upon the shoulders of the Grand Master—his duty is to lay out the work, and the Grand Officers' duty that one and all should put their shoulders to the wheel of progression, and assist in carrying forward the good work. He forcibly recommended the establishing of Councils wherever there was a Royal Arch Chapter. The result of his year of energetic work was the resurrection of several dormant Councils, and establishing of four new Councils. Grand Masters would do well in following the lines of progression set forth.

He succeeded in securing the passage of the following resolution by the Grand Commandery of Nebraska:

"*Resolved*, That we recommend that upon the receipt of a petition for the Templar Orders, by a Commandery, that said petitioner be recommended to take the Council Degrees prior to receiving the Templar Orders. *Provided*, that it be represented to such candidate that such recommendation is not obligatory, but it only advises the candidate that to complete the uniform system of American Masonry, these degrees are necessary."

The Grand Master wisely recommended the officers of Councils to perfect themselves in the work, that the beautiful lessons may be more impressive. The merit of the recommendation applies with force to all Councils.

There are 13 active Councils in the Jurisdiction, and 4 under dispensation. Received during the year, 169; dimitted, died and suspended, 26; present membership, 557; a gain of 143.

WILLIAM L. RITTER was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and FRANCIS E. WHITE was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

1902.

The Forty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of New Hampshire was held at Freemasons' Hall, in the city of Concord, Monday, May 19, 1902: BENJAMIN F. ST. CLAIR, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; FRANK D. WOODBURY, *P. G. M.*, Grand Recorder, with Representatives present from eleven Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master in his annual address stated, with pleasure and satisfaction, that peace, harmony and prosperity existed throughout the Jurisdiction; and, said he, let us strive to make the fabric of the Cryptic Rite so fascinating to all Royal Arch Masons that they will hasten to complete the chain of their Masonic knowledge. Let us brighten the chain of fraternal friendship, that our labors may bring their reward in the Supreme

Grand Council above, where we go hence. He announced that no death had occurred among the members of the Grand Council, but the scythe of Time had cut down many in the Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master is a firm believer in visitation, and assigned to the Grand Officers the duty of visiting every Council in the Jurisdiction, himself setting a worthy example. The result is: old Councils are flourishing and new ones formed. The reports of other Grand Officers affirmed the successful results of visitation.

Ill.·. FRANK D. WOODBURY, Chairman of Correspondence Committee, pays a well-deserved tribute to the memories of Past *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS and *Ill.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, for many years Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of California.

Petitions for two new Councils were received and acted upon.

Number of Councils on the roll, 11, each of which made returns. Members in 1901, 1614; admitted, 73; dimitted, 6; died, 26; suspended, 4; present membership, 1651; gain for the year, 37.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ST. CLAIR was elected *Most.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and FRANK DANA WOODBURY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

1902.

The Forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of New Jersey convened at Trenton, Tuesday, January 28, 1902: HERMAN H. MITHOEFER, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; CHARLES BECHTEL, Grand Recorder. Representatives were present from seven Subordinate Councils; *Ill.·.* JOHN M. KNAPP representing the Grand Council of California.

The address of the Grand Master covers four pages of the Proceedings, reviewing the work of the year. He paid a glowing tribute to England's noble Queen, lately deceased; also to notable Grand Officers of the Rite in the various States, as well as New Jersey. Two visitations only were made to Subordinate Councils. We would suggest that New Jersey, being of less size than many of the counties in California, that two visits could not have been a very onerous task. He closed his address with an injunction to Subordinate Councils to mark well their influence and efforts in the grand course of the world's progress, as well as that of the Order; and though they may not reap the fruit of their sowing at once, the seed is not lost.

In my report of last year, I gave New Jersey a membership of 434. The Annual Report of Proceedings of 1902 shows a membership of 488; an apparent gain of 54, one Council not reporting. No mention is made of California in the report of the Correspondence Committee.

EDGAR L. BROWN was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and CHARLES BECHTEL was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

1902.

The Grand Council of New York held its Ninety-third Annual Assembly at the city of New York, August 26, 1902: JOHN P. DEAL, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; GEORGE VAN VLEET, Grand Recorder; THEODORE M. BARBER, Grand Representative of California, being present, with Representatives from twenty-five Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master covers fifteen pages of the Proceedings, and is very interesting, being a thorough review of the Rite in the Empire State, as also of uncommon interest generally. It pays due honors to the dead, as well as matters concerning the living. He reported good fellowship with all Grand Councils, and harmony among Subordinate Bodies of his Jurisdiction. He stated that he had made assignments of Grand Officers for visitation to every Council in the State—an act worthy of adoption by all Grand Masters. He recommended the adoption of social features by Subordinate Councils as conducive to the upbuilding of the Rite, also cultivating a warmer spirit of accord among the members. He recommended a reduction of the per capita tax, referring to the fact that $3,800 was already in the hands of the Trustees, and $680 in the hands of the Library Committee—correctly adding that the levy should cover only necessary expenses—closing with thanks to his brother officers and companion co-workers for their efficiency and zeal.

The minutes of Columbian Grand Council No. 1, Royal Master Masons of New York City, from September 2, 1810, to June, 1848, were secured by the Grand Recorder, and are now valuable additions to the records of the present Grand Council. The degree of Royal Master, only, was conferred up to 1817, when the degree of Super-excellent Master was added. In 1821, the degree of Select Master was conferred. In January, 1823, the name of the Rite was changed to "Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of the State of New York."

Companion GEORGE M. OSGOODBY presented, as he never fails to do, an interesting report on Correspondence—giving California a page and a half, and his complimentary reference to its Chairman of Correspondence are treasured as "apples of gold in pictures of silver." He heartily endorsed our suggestion that Grand Masters showing efficiency and zeal should be re-elected to, at least, a second term—his own observation confirming that policy.

New York Cryptic Masonry seems alive and progressive. Number of Companions greeted, 293; affiliated, 11; restored, 12; total, 316. Suspended, 126; dimitted, 42; expelled, 1; died, 63—total, 232. Gain during the year 84. Present membership, 4,477.

WILLARD S. BRADT was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and GEORGE VAN VLIET was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA.

1902.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of North Carolina was held in the city of Winston, June 11, 1902: A. B. ANDREWS, *G.·. P.·. C.·. W.·.*, acting as *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and J. C. MUNDS, Grand Recorder, with representatives present from five Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master being absent, his annual address was read by the Grand Recorder. He states therein his inability to understand why so little interest is taken by Masons in the State in the beautiful degrees of the Cryptic Rite, hoping the present assembly might do something to arouse enthusiasm among the members of the Rite.

We suggest to the Grand Officers that it lies with them to resurrect the Rite in North Carolina, and visitation is the only remedy—unfailing, if properly administered. Try it, and note the wondrous results. Annual addresses to the few attendants at Annual Assemblies will never resurrect the dry bones. Try the visitation tonic. The Grand Master should not wait for visitation calls; neither should the other Grand Officers place the whole burden of resurrection on the shoulders of the Grand Master. The whole official force should start out, and start at once.

The Rite has held its own the past year, but that is little encouragement. The total membership, May, 1901, was 144. During the year there were greeted, 7; dimitted, 4; died, 3. Present membership, 144.

A. B. ANDREWS, JR., was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and JAMES C. MUNDS was re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

1902.

The Seventy-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Ohio convened at Lima, September 23, 1902: GEORGE D. COPELAND, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM E. EVANS, Grand Recorder; Representatives being present from fifty-eight Subordinate Councils, ARTHUR P. CRANE representing California.

The Grand Master commenced his annual address by tossing a complimentary bouquet to the Subordinate Councils for their zeal and industry during the year, in contrast to the feeble efforts in many of the Grand Jurisdictions, and the returns of Ohio furnish substantial reasons for the Grand Master's compliments. Other States would do well in following the example of Ohio. As the Grand Master says: "Ohio Masons are Ohio men"; and we take pleasure in complimenting the Buckeye boys for the grand showing they have made the past year. He further says: "The world leadership is possessed by America, and the last chance for the bet-

terment of mankind is here. * * * If the Entered Apprentice Degree is the Alpha of Masonry, the Council Degrees are the Omega." After reading the plaints of many Grand Masters, it is refreshing to reach a Beulah of life and delight like unto Ohio. The Grand Master paid worthy tribute to the memories of *Right Ill.·.* SAMUEL B. EVANS, Grand Treasurer; and *Ill.·.* JOHN DAY CALDWELL, Grand Recorder, both of whom passed to the Celestial Circle during the present year, 1902, the Grand Recorder having served since 1852.

Dispensations for the formation of four new Councils during the year were granted by the Grand Master.

Ill.·. Companion W. M. CHANDLER, Committee of Correspondence, endorses the forcible words of Grand Master SCARBOROUGH in his annual address, upon the un-Masonic use of profanity, and habits of intemperance, practiced by many Masons, contrary to the teachings and tenets of the Order. He also quotes with approbation the suggestion of the writer of this in the matter of pushing the Rite by active work and visitation, instead of seeking recognition by the Chivalric Order of the Temple. There are dormant Councils waiting for resurrection sufficient to add fully 25 per cent. to the present active membership of the Rite.

The membership of the Rite in Ohio in 1901 was 5,567; admitted the present year, 962; total, 6,529. Withdrawn, died and suspended, 262. Net gain for the year, 700. Ohio takes the medal. Present membership, 6,267.

JEWETT PALMER was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and WILLIAM E. EVANS was re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON.

1902.

The Seventeenth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Oregon convened at Masonic Hall, Corvallis, on Wednesday, April 2, 1902: A. L. RUMSEY, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; SETH L. POPE, Grand Recorder, with Representatives from six subordinate Councils—SETH L. POPE, Grand Representative for California, necessarily being present.

The Grand Master, in his annual address, was pleased to note that no discord had arisen during the year to mar the perfect harmony of the Rite; that no seat in the Grand Council was made vacant by death, and that a fair degree of prosperity pervaded the Jurisdiction. In conclusion, he urged perseverance in building up the Rite; calling attention to the necessity of the Cryptic degrees to complete the Masonic education, which fact should be presented to every Royal Arch Mason. There were no grievances to report, harmony prevailing throughout the Jurisdiction.

During the year there were received and greeted 22; dimitted, 10; stricken from the rolls, 5; died, 8. Present membership, 268 – a gain of 2.

HERMAN WHITE HALL was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and SETH L. POPE was re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

1902.

The Fifty-sixth Assembly of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania convened at Masonic Hall, Easton, Tuesday, February 25, 1902: FRANK W. MARTINIS, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; JOSHUA L. LYTE, Grand Recorder. Representatives were present from sixteen Subordinate Councils of the twenty-one on the roll.

The address of the Grand Master was devoted strictly to business. It was always a pleasure for him to grasp the hands of faithful Companions, and look upon the faces of familiar workers in the vineyard of Cryptic Masonry. The reports of the District Grand Masters, he stated, nearly all showed a renewed interest, substantial gains in membership, and peace, harmony and brotherly love reigned supreme. He noted, specially, the death of CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP, Past *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master of Pennsylvania; also that during the year eight *Th.·. Ill.·.* Masters of the Jurisdiction had been called to their reward. During the year he paid official visits to eleven Subordinate Councils; and his report of these visits were not only interesting, but an incentive to all Grand Jurisdictions to provide for these visitations as the great upbuilding lever of the Rite. He recommended an appropriation for the maintenance of the system—which the Grand Council wisely granted.

The reports of the District Deputies showed activity throughout the Jurisdiction, demonstrating the wisdom and value of visitation.

Comp. JOSHUA LYTE, Chairman of Correspondence, notes the fact that the Rite in California is alive and forging ahead, calling special attention to the sterling qualities of its Grand Recorder; closing with the sentiment: "May he be spared many years, that the Grand Council may be benefited by his wisdom."

The report shows 21 active Councils; new members, 194; dimitted, 18; died, 36; suspended, 29; present membership, 2,025; gain for the year, 114.

A. G. GRISWELL SMITH was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and JOSHUA C. LYTE was elected Grand Recorder.

RHODE ISLAND.

1901.

The Proceedings of the Annual Sessions of the Grand Council of Rhode Island for 1889, 1900 and 1901 came to hand bound in one volume. I note the Proceedings of 1901, being the Forty-first Annual Assembly, which convened at Freemasons' Hall, Providence, Tuesday, April 9, 1901: WILLIAM L. CHATTERTON, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM R. GREENE, Grand Recorder; ROBERT S. FRANKLIN, Grand Representative of California, being present.

The Grand Master in his annual address noted with pleasure the increased interest taken in the Cryptic Rite, and the efficiency of the officers of all the Councils. That he was not called upon for decisions in any case, perfect harmony prevailing in the Jurisdiction, the year having been one of good fellowship and industry, with increased membership and a strengthening of the Rite which was very promising. His visitations to Subordinate Councils showed good results to the Order, as well as enjoyable to all concerned; closing with thanks to the Companions for their energetic support in the good work. He noted the fact that the tendency of Companions of the Royal Arch was on the lines of further search for light in the Cryptic Vaults of the Council.

We doff our sombrero to Companion HENRY W. RUGG, Correspondence Committee, for compliments paid the writer of this, and treasure his words of commendation as "apples of gold in pictures of silver."

There were greeted during the year, 124; admitted, 1; died, 34; dimitted, 4; total membership, 1,481; increase for the year, 87.

S. PENROSE WILLIAMS was elected *Most Ill.*·. Grand Master, and WILLIAM R. Greene was elected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

1902.

The Forty-third Assembly of the Grand Council of South Carolina was held at Masonic Temple, Charleston, February 11, 1902: JOHN R. BELLINGHAM, *Most Ill.*·. Grand Master, presiding; ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Grand Recorder; Representatives being present from six Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master's address shows that South Carolina is on the line of progression, with new life instilled into the Rite, which, with active zeal and push, will eventuate in prosperity to the Order.

Much credit is due to Companion DAVIS for this progress, who has zealously navigated the Cryptic ship and kept it floating.

The Grand Master announced the issuance of a commission to Companion J. E. MCDONALD to represent the Grand Council of California near the Grand Council of South Carolina. A dispensation had also been issued to *Enoch* Council No. 1, to ballot and confer the degrees upon a class of seventeen candidates at Beaufort, S. C., the Grand Master being present and presiding—good evidence of revival of the Rite.

We tender congratulations to our companions of the Pelican State. "May they live long and prosper." The push of the present fast age should extend to the Cryptic Rite before the waters cease to be troubled.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows that there are six active Councils in the jurisdiction, with a membership of 205, five more than our estimate in table of statistics for 1901.

JOHN R. BELLINGHAM was re-elected *Most Ill.*·. Grand Master, and ZIMMERMAN DAVIS was re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

1903.

The Fifty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Tennessee was held at Nashville, January 26, 1903: MICHAEL F. FLENNIKEN, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM A. CLENDENING, Grand Recorder. Representatives from 18 Subordinate Councils noted as being present.

The address of the Grand Master is a business document, clear and pointed. He had not been called upon to decide any matters of difference or points of law, evidence that peace and harmony prevails. The Rite in Tennessee, as we gather from the address, is in a somewhat lethargic state, showing the necessity of visitation; letters, as has been demonstrated, accomplish little or nothing; visitation is the only remedy. The Grand Master tried the virtue of letter writing, and it was *nil:* but visits to five Councils proved effective. The Grand Master reports that the Rite in Tennessee for the past few years is not keeping pace with the progress in other Jurisdictions; and how to remedy the state of affairs is a puzzle! Visitation by the Grand Officers would soon solve the puzzle, and it is their duty to act. "Prerequisite!" as suggested by the Grand Master, will not cure the dry rot. Remember the old parable of the "farmer and his wheat field." The Grand Master wisely recommended the revival of the "Committee on Correspondence"; but no action was taken upon the recommendation.

Table of returns show that there were admitted 68; restored, 1; withdrawn, 12; suspended, 17; died, 3 — net gain, 37. Present membership, 549.

RODNEY BLAKE was elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, and WILLIAM A. CLENDENING was re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

1902.

The Forty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Vermont convened at Masonic Temple, in the city of Burlington, June 10, 1902: DANIEL S. DANFORTH, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; WILLIAM H. KINGSLEY, Grand Recorder; Representatives from sixteen Subordinate Councils being present.

The Grand Master's address was short and pertinent to business. His official acts were few, owing to ill health. He congratulated the Grand Council upon the creditable showing of the Subordinate Councils during the fiscal year—both in increase of business and revenue.

There is a thorough system of visitation and inspection of Subordinate Councils in Vermont, which California would do well in adopting; the results are, and would be for California, an increase of membership and establishment of many new Councils.

Companion MARSH O. PERKINS, Chairman of Correspondence Committee, is very complimentary to California—especially so towards its Correspondence committeeman, quoting liberally from the report of last year, closing with a hope "that the new comer at the Round Table may continue, and his presence welcomed and greeted for many years to come." For which kind words we extend the glad hand, hoping that during the allotted time, the "Green Mountain Boy" of the Golden State by the sunset sea and the Green Mountain Boy of staid old Vermont may each be recipient of the good will of the other, until called hence.

During the past few years Vermont has been one of the most progressive Jurisdictions in the land, presenting a most worthy example for other Jurisdictions to follow. Green Mountain Boys are noted for push and vim.

The returns show the result of the past year to be as follows: Greeted, 101; affiliated, 1; restored 2; expelled, 1; dimitted, 3; died, 19. Total number reported, 1,120. Add number of Councils failing to report, 156—total membership, 1,276.

WILLIAM H. BREWSTER was elected *Most Ill.*·. Grand Master, and HENRY H. ROSS was elected Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON.

1902.

The Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Washington was held at the city of Tacoma, June 9, 1902, NEEL S. PETERSEN, *Most Ill.*·. Grand Master, presiding; EDWARD R. HARE, Grand Recorder; with Representatives present from five Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master gave a hearty welcome to the members of the Grand Council, complimenting them and the Order generally upon the prosperous condition of the Rite, not only in their own Jurisdiction, but generally throughout the land. He paid tribute to the memory of those who had fallen by the decrees of the destroyer, Death, during the year, in his own and Sister Jurisdictions. He reported the granting of a dispensation to form two new Councils, one at Everett and one at Port Townsend, both of which were duly commissioned and started forth in the good work of the Cryptic Rite. He stated with pleasure that harmony prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction, with bright hopes for the future.

Companion EDWARD R. HARE, Committee on Correspondence, gives a page to California, with very complimentary reference to the writer hereof; for which kind words we hypothetically raise our beaver, and politely bow.

There were admitted and greeted during the year, 84; dimitted, died and suspended, 7; net gain for the year, 77; present membership, 408.

GEORGE E. CLEVELAND was elected *Most Ill.*·. Grand Master, and EDWARD R. HARE was re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN.

1902.

The Forty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Wisconsin met at the City of Milwaukee, February 18, 1902: W. M. PENNELL, *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding; W. N. PERRY, Grand Recorder; Representatives being present from nineteen Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master covers eleven pages of the Proceedings. He reported that he had fixed the fee for dispensations for new Councils at $10; and that for other dispensations no charge was made. He had made visitations to only four Councils, and remarked that nothing will increase the growth of the Cryptic Rite so much as visitations by the Grand Officers. Under the new Constitution he had districted the State into ten districts, to be visited by the Grand Officers; a very wise act, which, if carried out, as it should be, will not fail to bear fruitage. He reported full fellowship with the General Grand Council; also that the Cryptic Rite in the State had greatly increased during the year, and closed by remarking that although he had not accomplished all he desired, yet he had done what he could to restore the Rite to its old-time standing in the Jurisdiction.

WM. C. SWAIN, Chairman of Correspondence, in reviewing California Proceedings, claims a sort of kinship to the writer hereof, in this: That he was a resident of Rutland, Vermont, in 1856-58, at the same period as the writer of this resided at Wallingford, nine miles south of Rutland, the county seat; leaving the old homestead for California, February, 1859. The Green Mountain State is a first-class birthplace, and it was there that the writer first entered the portals of the Lodge, and was taught to do Master Masons' work.

The annual returns of Wisconsin show: Greeted, 231; admitted, 84; total, 315. Died, 17; dimitted, 16; excluded, 13; total, 40. Gain for the year, 269. Total membership, 1,647.

W. N. PENNELL was re-elected *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master; and WM. M. PERRY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

I note with great pleasure the fact, that the past year has been an unusually prosperous year with the Cryptic Rite—the net gain in membership being more than double that of the previous year. Massachusetts still leads the list with a membership of 6,423; Ohio follows a close second, with a membership of 6,267, and takes the prize for increase the past year of 700; Michigan is third, with a membership of 4,637; and New York fourth, with a membership of 4,477.

For increase of members during the year, Ohio takes the head of the column with a gain of 700; Illinois second, with a gain of 472; Wisconsin third, with a gain of 269; Mississippi fourth, gain 188; Maine fifth, gain 147; Nebraska sixth, gain 143; California seventh, gain 141; Pennsylvania eighth, gain 114; Massachusetts ninth, gain 105; and Indiana tenth, gain 101. Total gain in ten States, 3,137—or nearly double the total gain of all the States in the Union last year.

These encouraging gains are due almost entirely to the thorough system of visitation, which has been carried out in the States named, instilling new life into Subordinate Councils, and resurrection of the dormant, which should be an example to all Jurisdictions. Every Grand Council which enforces the system of visitation is in a prosperous condition. Drop the subject of "Prerequisite," and go to work, individually and collectively—and mark the wonderful results. Ohio has set a good example, worthy of following.

A great responsibility rests upon the Grand Officers, for to them the Subordinate Councils look for encouragement; and visitation is the feasible mode of giving that encouragement in an effective way. Letters and correspondence are *nil*—the Subordinate Councils desire to see the Grand Officers, face to face!

The proposition that when Grand Officers show commendable zeal in the work of upbuilding the Subordinate Councils they are entitled to a second term, if desired, as a reward for faithful service, has been very generally endorsed by Committees on Correspondence, and should be carried out.

To the Committees of Correspondence I extend thanks for the many kind references, which are treasured up as more precious than ingots of gold, thrice refined. May our future relations be as pleasant as the past, joining heart and pen in the grand work of upbuilding our beautiful Rite.

I herewith present a statistical table, showing the progress of the Rite, gathered with great care, which will be found of much interest to the members of the Rite generally. It is encouraging to know that the Cryptic Rite is forging ahead, the past year presenting a general advance, and a spirit of enthusiasm.

Courteously submitted,

AMASA WRIGHT BISHOP,

Correspondence Committee.

STATISTICAL.

WORK OF THE SEVERAL GRAND COUNCILS OF THE UNITED STATES, WITH MEMBERSHIPS, ETC.

Compiled from Latest Reports Received.

GRAND COUNCILS		MEMBERS	GAIN	LOSS
Alabama	1901	300		
Arkansas	1902	311		
California	1902	1,495	141	
Colorado	1902	442	12	
Connecticut	1902	3,691	97	
Florida	1900	72		
Georgia	1902	630		
Illinois	1902	3,269	472	
Indiana	1902	3,081	101	
Indian Ter.	1902	133		2
Iowa	1902	629		2
Kansas	1902	1,107	30	
Kentucky	1901	997		
Louisiana	Est.	213		
Maine	1902	2,862	147	
Maryland	1901	684		
Massachusetts	1901	6,423	105	
Michigan	1902	4,637	70	
Minnesota	1902	677	20	
Missouri	1902	896	57	
Mississippi	1902	1,237	188	
Nebraska	1902	557	143	
New Hampshire	1902	1,651	37	
New Jersey	1902	488	54	
New York	1902	4,477	84	
North Carolina	1902	144		
Ohio	1902	6,267	700	
Oregon	1902	268	2	
Pennsylvania	1902	2,025	114	
Rhode Island	1901	1,481	87	
South Carolina	1902	205	5	
Tennessee	1902	549	37	
Vermont	1902	1,276	88	
Washington	1902	408	77	
Wisconsin	1902	1,647	269	
Totals		55,229	3,137	4

The above comprises reports from twenty-eight Grand Councils for 1902; five Grand Councils for 1901, one Grand Council for 1900, and one estimated, making a total of thirty-five Grand Councils, one more than was reported in the estimate for 1901, showing a net gain over the estimate of that year of 4,287, including Iowa, not reported last year; or a net gain for the thirty-four Grand Councils reported last year of 3,658. This grand showing is the result of an active forward movement, and principally to a thorough visitation system.

A. W. BISHOP, Committee.

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The Forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the eighteenth day of April, A. D. 1904, Anno Dep. 2904, at 10 o'clock A. M.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,

Grand Recorder.

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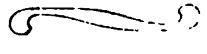

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WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, Harlan, Iowa.....*General Grand Steward*

GEORGE THORNBURGH, Little Rock, Ark.....*General Grand Sentinel*

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

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OF THE

JURISDICTION OF CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters commenced its Forty-fourth Annual Assembly in Masonic Temple, San Francisco, April 18, 1904, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Deputy Grand Master called the Assembly to order and directed the Grand Recorder to call the roll.

Upon roll call the following officers and members were found present:

R.·. Ill.·. Comp. DAVID M. SUTHERLAND, *Deputy Grand Master.*
R.·. Ill.·. Comp. EDUARD KEIL, *Grand Principal Conductor of Works.*
R.·. Ill.·. Comp. FRANKLIN H. DAY, *Grand Treasurer.*
R.·. Ill.·. Comp. WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Grand Recorder.*
R.·. Ill.·. Comp. THOMAS KYLE, *Grand Chaplain.*
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PAST GRAND MASTERS.

M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
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M.·. Ill.·. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,
M.·. Ill.·. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,
M.·. Ill.·. W. FRANK PIERCE,
M.·. Ill.·. GEORGE PENLINGTON,
M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,
M.·. Ill.·. HENRY ASCROFT,
M.·. Ill.·. ROBERT ASH,
M.·. Ill.·. JACOB H. NEFF.

As learned by a communication from the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, he was detained by important business at Butte, Montana.

The Deputy Grand Master appointed the following Illustrious Companions a Committee on Credentials.

M.·. Ill.·. Companions ROBERT ASH, JOHN G. BISBEE and JACOB H. NEFF.

The roll call proceeded, and the following Constituent Councils were represented:

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL No. 1—
WILLIAM OHMER, *Deputy Illustrious Master.*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,
DANIEL HYMAN,
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL No. 2—
HENRY ASCROFT, *Thrice Illustrious Master.*
GEORGE PENLINGTON, *Principal Conductor of Works.*
THOMAS KYLE,
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,
GEORGE PENLINGTON,
HENRY ASCROFT,
ROBERT ASH,
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters.

SONORA COUNCIL No. 5—
WILLIAM LYMAN HOOD, *Thrice Illustrious Master.*
EDUARD KEIL, *Past Thrice Illustrious Master.*

STOCKTON COUNCIL No. 10—
CHARLES WILLIS NORTON, *Thrice Illustrious Master.*
WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Past Thrice Illustrious Master.*

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL No. 11—
WILLIAM HENRY GAYNOR, *Deputy Illustrious Master.*
DAVID MONROE SUTHERLAND,
JOHN FRANCIS HUGHES,
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters.

OAKLAND COUNCIL No. 12—
WILLIAM JAMES CHESNEY, *Thrice Illustrious Master.*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,
W. FRANK PIERCE,
EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,
ROBERT EDGAR,
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters.

GATEWAY COUNCIL No. 13—
JACOB HART NEFF,
JOHN GOULD BISBEE,
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters.

VENTURA COUNCIL No. 15—
FREDERICK WILLIAM BAKER, *Thrice Illustrious Master.*

PASADENA COUNCIL No. 16—
CHARLES JOSEPH WILLETT, *Thrice Illustrious Master and Past Thrice Illustrious Master.*

Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Council of California.

M.·. Ill.·. W. FRANK PIERCE.....Arkansas
M.·. Ill.·. JACOB HART NEFF.....Colorado
Th.·. Ill.·. AMASA W. BISHOP.....England and Wales
M.·. Ill.·. ROBERT ASH.....Georgia
M.·. Ill.·. ALBERT H. MERRITT.....Iowa
M.·. Ill.·. HENRY ASCROFT.....Kansas
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Th.·. Ill.·. JOHN FRANCIS HUGHES.....North Carolina
M.·. Ill.·. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT.....South Carolina
M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM A. DAVIES.....Vermont

The Committee on Credentials reported all the Grand Officers present except the Grand Master and the Grand Captain of the

Guards, with eleven Past Grand Masters and the representatives of nine Constituent Councils.

The report was adopted, and the Companions therein named were invited to seats in the Forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California.

In the absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master presided. He read a letter from the Grand Master, who was detained at Butte, Montana, on important business.

The Grand Council was opened in due form, the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies of the journal.

The Deputy Grand Master then read the address of the Grand Master, received this morning from Butte, Montana.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal Select Masters of California:

DEAR COMPANIONS—It with the deepest and most sincere regret that I find at this time that I will be unable to meet with and preside over your august body at your annual convention on next Monday, April 18, 1904, at San Francisco. Almost up to the present time I had hoped that my enforced absence would be shortened so that I might be with you, but to-day, on my arrival here at Butte, Montana, I find that I shall not be able to leave here before Sunday at least, and probably not until Monday, in which case it is hardly possible for me to reach you in time.

I will, however, endeavor to make the usual reports with the small means that I have at my command.

NECROLOGY.

I am informed by our Grand Recorder that the Committee on Necrology have submitted to his office their report of the never ceasing work of the Great Reaper in our jurisdiction, and that he has received from other jurisdictions the official message of the striking from the roll of the living of a number of the descendents of the Giblemites of old, and I recommend that the necessary pages in our journal of proceedings be set apart in remembrance of our departed Companions.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

September 24th, 1903, I issued a proxy to Most Illustrious Past Grand Master W. FRANK PIERCE, to act in my stead at the meeting of the General Grand Council of the United States of America at Little Rock, Ark., October 5th, 1903. I have since received a copy of the proceedings of that body and note the delightful reception given the members by the citizens of Little Rock, and the peaceful and instructive meeting they held.

On October 13th, 1903, I suggested the name of WILLIAM A. DAVIES to succeed himself as Representative of the Grand Council of Vermont.

On December 12th, 1903, I granted a dispensation to the Companions of Shasta Council, No. 6, allowing them to remove their Council to the town of Redding, a move I most heartily approved of, as I realized the difficulty these Companions have had to keep alive in their old location. I sincerely hope that they will find the move beneficial to them, and that they may grow and prosper henceforth.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Owing to the unfortunate time that I was called away, I was compelled to cancel dates that had been arranged for me to visit Sacramento, Stockton and Oakland Councils. I had written and tried to arrange dates with Gateway Council at Auburn and Marysville Council and Shasta Council, and for various reasons it was not convenient for them to receive me at any time that I could find it convenient to make the visits.

I visited California Council, No. 2, in San Francisco on two occasions. The official visit, however, was made on March 2d, 1904, and on that evening there were four candidates, and the work was conferred by genial Companion HARRY ASHCROFT, of whose like we have no other. It is needless to remark that the work was well rendered and a very pleasant evening was spent.

I visited Oakland Council, No. 12, several times when work was done, but reserved my official visit until March 31st, but on account of my going away, was unable to attend at that time.

Some time ago I found that it would be impossible, owing to the new and strenuous duties that had been imposed upon me, for me to make the official visit to Councils located in the distant South, and I wrote our Most Illustrious Grand Master D. W. SUTHERLAND, asking him to kindly make the visits in my stead, which he kindly consented to do. He reported to me that he had visited Los Angeles Council, No. 11, on March 8th, 1904, and that the Council was in a flourishing condition and still growing. The work, being of the highest standard of excellence, insured a good attendance to all meetings and a good fellowship among the Companions.

He visited Ventura Council on March 22d, but owing to the inclement weather, the attendance was small. The work, however, was well done and the hospitality of the brethren could not well have been excelled.

Being near at hand to our most distant Council, viz., Helena, Montana, I called upon our jovial Companion, Companion GEORGE T. BOOKER, and, although my time was so limited that I was unable to meet with the Council, the brethren in Helena made my short stay very pleasant.

and I learned that there had been a meeting a few nights before, at which time some work was done.

I found a number of enthusiastic Companions in Helena, and thought that if the whole Council was as full of enthusiasm as the few Companions I met, it would behoove our largest Councils to look out or they would lose their place to our Companions in Helena.

DECISIONS.

As I have not been called upon to render any decision during the past year, I am compelled to believe that peace and harmony have reigned supreme during the entire year.

MEMBERSHIP.

From the returns to the Grand Council, we find that the Order is steadily growing, and that the Companions are taking a renewed interest in our Cryptic Rite. During the year we made a net gain of 193 members, making now a total of 1,658 members in this jurisdiction. In this connection it is but fair to say, that if the Grand Encampment could be prevailed upon to make the Council Degree prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, our numbers would greatly increase and the interest in our branch of the Order would be greatly strengthened. The beauty of our degree would appeal to those who take them, even though there would be those who take them only as a stepping-stone to reach the Knight Templar. I hope at some future time we may be able to bring sufficient pressure to bear to enable us to obtain the desired result.

Just before I was called away, I received and reviewed the report of the Committee on Correspondence, and I enjoyed the perusal of it and noted particularly the comments of our new Chairman, and though filial modesty bids me silence, I feel that it should receive some mention. I believe that it is one of the best and cleanest reports we have had for many years, and I would advise all our Companions to take the time necessary to read it carefully.

Now, Companions, I wish to express to you my thanks and appreciation for the high honor you have conferred upon me, and I can only say that I am sincerely and exceedingly sorry that events, which were entirely beyond my control, have caused my absence from my post of fraternal duties.

However, I am sure that you will have a good counsellor and officer in our Illustrious Companion SUTHERLAND, and that he will preside during your meeting in a more efficient manner than I should.

May your meeting be a happy and successful one, and be imbued with that brotherly love and affection which is necessary to the welfare and success of our beloved Cryptic Rite.

Fraternally yours,

A. H. MERRITT,
Grand Master.

The address was, on motion of Past Grand Master Penlington, referred to a Committee of Three for consideration, and the Deputy Grand Master appointed *M.·. Ill.·.* Comps. GEORGE PENLINGTON, JACOB HART NEFF and WILLIAM M. PETRIE, said Committee.

Letters were received from Past Grand Master WILLIAM B. SCARBOROUGH and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES HEDGES HALL, regretting their inability to attend this the Forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council; caused, in *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. SCARBOROUGH'S case, by illness in his family. He, however, reported as representative of the Grand Council of Illinois, the prosperous condition of that Grand Council.

The Grand Recorder announced the serious illness of Past Grand Master EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, and presented the following preamble and resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, This Grand Council is advised this morning of the dangerous illness of our Most Illustrious Companion EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be and he is hereby directed to wire our beloved Past Grand Master its concern for his welfare, trusting that God in his mercy may spare him for his friends' and Companions' sake and in due time restore him to perfect health.

Pursuant thereto a message was sent to Past Grand Master *M.·. Ill.·.* EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, conveying to him the sentiment and sympathy of the Grand Council as expressed in the resolution adopted.

The representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions present were recognized by the Deputy Grand Master, congratulated upon the progress and prosperity of the Cryptic rite in their respective jurisdictions, and his best wishes transmitted through them to the *M.·. Ill.·.* Companions chosen to preside over their respective destinies.

A communication was received and read by the Grand Recorder from Past Grand Master *M.·. Ill.·.* HENRY SAYRE ORME,

detained in his route hence from Los Angeles at the medical convention in session at Paso Robles.

The Deputy Grand Master announced the appointment of the following Committees:

On Jurisprudence—*M.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON, JAMES B. MERRITT and W. FRANK PIERCE.

On Appeals and Grievances—*M.·. Ill.·.* JACOB HART NEFF, *R.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM H. GAYNOR and *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM H. DAVIS.

On Finance and Returns—*R.·. Ill.·.* CHARLES J. WILLETT, *M.·. Ill.·.* HENRY ASCROFT and *M.·. Ill.·.* ROBERT ASH.

On New Councils—*T.·. Ill.·.* JOHN F. HUGHES, *T.·. Ill.·.* ROBERT EDGAR and *Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS FLINT, SR.

On Necrology—*M.·. Ill.·.* Comps. FRANKLIN H. DAY, WILLIAM A. DAVIES and WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE.

The reports of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer were read and considered.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California:

I submit herewith my annual report of the transactions of the Grand Recorder's office for the year ending with the convening of the Forty-fourth Annual Assembly, with a summary of the work done by the several Constituent Councils for the year ending January 31st, 1904:

The Journal of Proceedings of the Forty-third Annual Assembly was issued as soon as delivered by the printer and distributed as heretofore ordered by the Grand Council, viz: One copy to each Grand and Past Grand Officer, one copy to each of our Representatives near other Grand Jurisdictions, three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each Constituent Council.

A commission was received from the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master of the Grand Council of Connecticut appointing the Most Illustrious Companion FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, the representative of the Grand

Council of Connecticut near this Grand Council, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion CHARLES E. GILLETT.

Ill.·. Comp. WILLIAM R. STUBBLEFIELD, of St. Louis, was commissioned to represent this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Missouri to fill vacancy caused by the death of Illustrious Companion THOMAS SEAL, and *Ill.·.* Companion C. H. SMART to represent this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Tennessee to fill vacancy caused by the death of *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion ANGEL S. MYERS.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence, the *M.·. Ill.·.* JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, is in the hands of the printer and will be published in the Journal of Proceedings.

The receipts of the office from the date of the last annual report to the convening of the present annual have been as follows:

From Sacramento Council No. 1	$124 00
From California Council No. 2	199 50
From Marysville Council No. 3	22 50
From Sonora Council No. 5	29 00
From Shasta Council No. 6	32 50
From Helena Council No. 9	25 00
From Stockton Council No. 10	51 00
From Los Angeles Council No. 11	254 00
From Oakland Council No. 12	152 00
From Gateway Council No. 13	31 00
From Santa Ana Council No. 14	44 00
From Ventura Council No. 15	27 00
From Pasadena Council No. 16	35 00
	$1,026 50
Joseph W. Roe, for diploma	2 00
	$1,028 50

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Number of Councils		16
Number of Councils working		13
Number of Councils making returns		13
Greeted during year	198	
Affiliated	9	
Restored	3	
		210
Withdrawn	14	
Excluded	3	
Suspended for non-payment of dues	1	
Died	29	
		47
Net gain		163
Total membership January 31, 1904		1,658

Although not perhaps a part of the Grand Recorder's duties to report with the transactions of his office, the absence of familiar forms and faces from our Council Chamber, yet "lest we forget" the tribute due our departed Companions by placing our record for deposit in the Archives of this Grand Council our testimony to the exalted worth of these beloved Companions we mention here the names of DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING and DANIEL NORCROSS. The two former had served the Grand Council faithfully and well and received from it its highest honors, that of Most Illustrious Grand Master. The last was a splendid specimen of the Companion who is always doing his duty "without the hope of fee or reward."

Then in turning our observation to our Companions of the City of the Angels we note the form and features of the beloved of the entire brotherhood, Past Thrice Illustrious Master GEORGE SINSABAUGH, who, in company with our other beloved Companions, has passed to immortality.

Companions, let us cherish the memories of these just men; honor them by following their examples in their devotion to Cryptic Masonry and keeping alive our remembrance of their unselfish lives.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,

Grand Recorder.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer since the last Annual Assembly:

FRANKLIN H. DAY, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND COUNCIL R. & S. M. OF CALIFORNIA.

1903.			
April 20.	To balance cash on hand		$1,190 93
June 30.	To dividend on deposits in San Francisco Savings Union	$ 7 53	
Dec. 31.	To dividend on deposits in San Francisco Savings Union	8 97	
			$ 16 50

1904.				
Feb. 6.	To received from Grand Recorder	$327 50		
" 10.	To received from Grand Recorder	199 50		
" 16.	To received from Grand Recorder	93 50		
April 1.	To received from Grand Recorder	408 00		
			1,028 50	
	Receipts			1,045 00
				$2,235 93
1904.				
April 18.	By paid AMASA W. BISHOP, services as Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Voucher No. 1		$ 50 00	
	By paid SAMUEL D. MAYER, services as Grand Organist, Voucher No. 2		7 50	
	By paid GEORGE W. PERKINS, services as Grand Sentinel, Voucher No. 3		7 50	
	By paid F. P. MCLENNAN, rent of offices to May 1, 1904, Vouchers Nos. 4, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24		60 00	
	By paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, for expenses Grand Recorder's office, Vouchers Nos. 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 15 and 19		43 73	
	By paid GEORGE SPAULDING & Co., printing proceedings, Grand Council of 1903, Voucher No. 8		200 00	
	By paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, dues to General Grand Council, Voucher No. 12		6 50	
	By paid WILLIAM A. DAVIES, salary as Grand Recorder, Voucher No. 25		125 00	
	Disbursements			500 23
April 18.	Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer (on deposit in San Francisco Savings Union)			$1,735 70

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

The Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, beg leave to report that they find the same correct and the books in the usual good condition.

Your committee recommend the appropriation of the following amounts for the expenses of the ensuing year, vis:

For publishing proceedings	$200 00
For reprint of Volume II	200 00
For Grand Master's expense in visitations	150 00
For Grand Recorder's salary	125 00
For rent of Grand Recorder's office	60 00
For Committee on Correspondence	50 00
For contingent expenses, Grand Recorder's office	25 00
For salary Grand Organist	7 50
For salary Grand Captain of Guards	7 50
	$825 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. WILLETT,
HENRY ASCROFT,
W. FRANK PIERCE,
Committee.

The Report was approved and the appropriations made as recommended.

The Election of Officers was made the special order for three o'clock this afternoon.

Past Grand Master W. FRANK PIERCE offered the following resolution which, after due consideration, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That henceforth the use of any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors by Councils of this jurisdiction be and the same is hereby prohibited.

The hour for the Special Order having arrived, the Grand Master appointed Comps. ROBERT EDGAR and BENJ. BROOKS CARTRIGHT, Tellers, and the election proceeded with the following result:

The *M.·. Ill.·.* DAVID M. SUTHERLAND was elected Grand Master.

The *R.·. Ill.·.* EDUARD KEIL was elected Deputy Grand Master.

The *R.·. Ill.·.* CHARLES J. WILLETT was elected Grand Principal Conductor of Works.

The *R.·. Ill.·.* FRANKLIN H. DAY was elected Grand Treasurer.

The *R.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES was elected Grand Recorder.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master made the following appointments:

R.·. Ill.·. Comp. HENRY ASCROFT, Grand Lecturer.

R.·. Ill.·. Comp. THOMAS KYLE, Grand Chaplain.

R.·. Ill.·. Comp. CHAS. WILLIS NORTON, Grand Captain of Guards.

R.·. Ill.·. Comp. WILLIAM H. GAYNOR, Grand Conductor of Council.

R.·. Ill.·. Comp. WILLIAM O. GIRARDEY, Grand Steward.

Ill.·. Comp. SAMUEL D. MAYER, Grand Organist.

Ill.·. Comp. GEORGE W. PERKINS, Grand Sentinel.

The Officers-elect and appointed were installed by Past Grand Master *M.·. Ill.·.* JAMES B. MERRITT, *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. HENRY ASCROFT acting as Master of Ceremonies.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address made the following report:

Your Committee regrets that the Grand Master, for business reasons, was deprived of the pleasure of experiencing the hospitality of the Royal and Select Masters of California during his official term. Your Committee have much faith in the supervision of the Craft, which can only be thoroughly carried out by a visitation and inspection of the work in their respective homes, but consoling ourselves with the old truism that "they are best governed who are governed least," we congratulate our late executive head upon the good showing reported to-day as the result of the work of our Councils for the year now closed, adding to the number of workmen in our Cryptic quarries the goodly number of 163 Royal and Select Masters.

GEORGE PENLINGTON,
JACOB HART NEFF,
WM. M. PETRIE,
Committee.

The report was concurred in.

The Committees on Jurisprudence, Appeals and Grievances, and on New Councils, reported no business before them.

The Grand Master appointed *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES B. MERRITT, Correspondent.

The Grand Council was then closed in Ample Form, at 5 P. M., with prayer by the Grand Chaplain and music by the choir.

A true copy of the Proceedings of the Forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters held in Masonic Temple, San Francisco, April 18, 1904.

Witness my signature, with the seal of our Grand Council, and the attestation thereunto of our Grand Recorder.

DAVID M. SUTHERLAND.
Grand Master.

Attest:

WM. A. DAVIES,
Grand Recorder.

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NECROLOGY

"The sea is still and deep
All things within its bosom sleep;
A single step and all is o'er
A plunge, a bubble and no more."

—*Longfellow.*

In Memoriam

The Illustrious Dead of Other Jurisdictions.

Indiana—M.·. Ill.·. Companion JOHN J. RICHARDS died at his home in New Albany, September 13, 1903, in the sixty-first year of his age. He was Grand Master of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Indiana for the year commencing October 23, 1901.

Kansas—R.·. Ill.·. Companion PETER JOHN FRELING was born in Bouzonville, Loraine, France, December 2, 1838, and died at his home in Leavenworth, June 10, 1903. He was Grand Treasurer of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Kansas from February 3, 1892, to the time of his death.

R.·. Ill.·. Companion OTTO C. BEELER was born in Baden, Germany, July 29, 1837, and died at his home in Leavenworth, June 28, 1903. He was the first Grand Recorder of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Kansas.

Missouri—M.·. Ill.·. Companion ELIJAH H. PHELPS was born at Hadlyme, Connecticut, January 4, 1840, and died at his home in Kansas City, Thursday, February 18, 1904. He was Grand Master of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Missouri in 1897.

New York—R.·. Ill.·. Companion BENJAMIN STRASSER was born at Easton, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1849, and died at his home in the City of Albany, February 28, 1904. He was Grand Conductor of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of New York, and Grand Representative of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Kansas at the time of his death.

In Memory of

Most Illustrious Daniel Potter Bystle,

Past Grand Master Grand Council R. and S. M. of California.

Born in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1821.

Died at Shasta, California, June 7, 1903.

Past Grand Master Grand Council, R. and S. M., of California.

Past Master Western Star Lodge No. 2, F. and A. M.

Past High Priest Shasta Chapter No. 9, R. A. M.

Past Thrice Illustrious Master Shasta Council No. 6, R. and S. M.

Member of Red Bluff Commandery No. 17, K. T.

Honorary Member Masonic Veterans' Association.

To our Past Thrice Illustrious Masters

JULIUS BROUSSEAU, Los Angeles Council, No. 11, who died Sept. — 1903.

GEORGE SINSABAUGH, Los Angeles Council, No. 11, who died Aug. 2, 1903.

CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, (P. G. M.) Oakland Council, No. 12, who died March 26, 1903.

This Page is
Fraternally Dedicated.

In Memoriam

"Death, thou art but another birth,
Freeing the spirit from the clogs of earth."

The following Royal and Select Masters have gone to rest during the past year:

Sacramento Council No. 1.

Frank Frates	Oct.	31,	1903
Henry Carpenter Frazer	July	17,	1903
Ernest Jackson Isham	Aug.	24,	1903
Robert Jensen	July	3,	1903
Charles Augustus Webb	Mar.	10,	1903

California Council No. 2.

Max Abraham	Feb.	9,	1903
Robert Chidley Broder	Jan.	21,	1904
Samuel Franklin Geil	April	19,	1903
Garrison Gerst	Dec.	31,	1903
Moses Coombe Kimball	Oct.	24,	1903
Harry Gregory Newhall	May	20,	1903
Daniel Norcross	May	26,	1903
Edward Fletcher Parker	Oct.	11,	1903
John O'Neal Reis	Dec.	13,	1903
Charles Henry Roese	Dec.	12,	1903

Marysville Council No. 3.

Thomas Boyd Hutchins	Oct.	20,	1903
Caleb Elisha Wilcoxon	Jan.	1,	1904

Shasta Council No. 6.

James Freeman Scammon	Sept.	7,	1903

Stockton Council No. 10.

Hyland Ebe Barber	April	22,	1903
Carl August Bachman	Nov.	17,	1903

Los Angeles Council No. 11.

Samuel Meyer	Mar.	3,	1903
William Adams Morgan	June	2,	1903

Oakland Council No. 12.

William Thomas Hamilton	June	21,	1903
Americus V. Lancaster	July	30,	1903
Nathan Weston Spaulding	Oct.	8,	1903

"Born into that undying life,
They leave us but to come again,
With joy we welcome them—the same
Except in sin and pain."

"And ever near us tho' unseen
Those dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is life; there are no dead."

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,
Committee.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of Other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	W. Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Colorado	Jacob H. Neff	San Francisco.
Connecticut	Frederick Ferdinand Barss	Placerville.
England and Wales	Amasa W. Bishop	Oakland.
Georgia	Robert Ash	San Francisco.
Illinois	Wm. B. Scarborough	Los Angeles.
Indiana	David M. Sutherland	Los Angeles.
Indian Territory	William Hewson Davis	Sacramento.
Iowa	Albert H. Merritt	Oakland.
Kansas	Henry Ascroft	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	August Wackerbarth	Los Angeles.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maritime Prov., N. B.	John A. Britton	Oakland.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Minnesota	John Gould Bisbee	Auburn.
Mississippi	David M. Sutherland	Los Angeles.
Missouri	George Penlington	San Francisco.
Nebraska	James William Towner	Santa Ana.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
North Carolina	John Francis Hughes	Los Angeles.
Ohio	James Hedges Hall	Santa Ana.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
Rhode Island	Thomas Flint, Sr	San Juan.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.
Washington	David W. Lubeck	Auburn.
Wisconsin	James Dean Wilder	Tustin.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	Gaylord J. Klock	Little Rock.
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Colorado	Calvin E. Reed	1625 Pearl St., Denver.
Connecticut	Alexander B. Shumway	Litchfield.
Georgia		
Illinois	John A. Ladd	Sterling.
Indiana	Orlando W. Brownback	Pendleton.
Indian Territory	Jabez H. Mann	McAlester, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	W. H. Norris	Manchester.
Kansas	Robert E. Torrington	Wichita.
Kentucky	James Dysert Lewis	Louisville.
Louisiana	Samuel Manning Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Millard F. Hicks	Portland.
Maryland	Albert Benedict Lyman	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Edward M. Woodward	Boston.
Michigan	Bayard A. Church	St. Louis.
Minnesota	James C. Hawes	Red Wing.
Mississippi	A. A. Posey	Aberdeen.
Missouri	Wm. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis.
Nebraska	G. W. Lininger	Omaha.
New Hampshire	John F. Maynard	Ashland.
New Jersey	John M. Knapp	Ridgewood.
New York	Theodore H. Barber	Syracuse.
North Carolina	W. F. Randolph	Asheville.
Ohio	Arthur P. Crane	Toledo.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	Reuben E. Taft	Titusville.
Rhode Island	Robert S. Franklin	Newport.
South Carolina	J. E. McDonald	Winnsboro.
Tennessee	C. H. Smart	1516 Laurel St., Nashville.
Vermont	George W. Wing	Montpelier.
Washington	W. S. Fairweather	Tacoma.
Wisconsin	William N. Pennell	Milwaukee.

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

Alabama—BENJ. M. JACOBS, Montgomery.
Arkansas—FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock.
California—WILLIAM A. DAVIES, Starr King Bldg., 121 Geary St., S. F.
Colorado—ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER, Denver, 47 Bank Block.
Connecticut—JAMES MCCORMICK, Hartford, 150 State St.
England—C. F. MATIER, M'k Masonic Hall, Great Q. St., London, W. C.
Florida—JOHN CARLOVITZ, Milton.
Georgia—W. A. WOLIHIN, Macon.
General Grand Council—HENRY W. MORDHURST, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Illinois—GIL. W. BARNARD, Masonic Temple, Chicago.
Indiana—CALVIN W. PRATHER, Indianapolis.
Indian Territory—R. Y. MORRISON, Atoka.
Iowa—ALF. WINGATE, Des Moines.
Kansas—WILLIAM M. SHAVER, Topeka.
Kentucky- H. B. GRANT, Louisville.
Louisiana—RICHARD LAMBERT, Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine—STEPHEN BERRY, Portland.
Maryland—J. W. BOWERS, 16 East Lexington St., Baltimore.
Massachusetts—J. GILMAN WAITE, Masonic Temple, Boston.
Minnesota—THOMAS MONTGOMERY, St. Paul.
Michigan—CHARLES A. CONOVER, Coldwater.
Mississippi—FRED SPEED, Vicksburg.
Missouri—WILLIAM H. MAYO, Masonic Temple, St. Louis.
New Hampshire—FRANK D. WOODBURY, Concord.
Nebraska—FRANCIS E. WHITE, 1608 Capitol Ave., Omaha.
New Jersey—JOHN B. BERTHOLF, Jersey City.
New York—GEORGE H. VAN VLIET, 16 Eighth Ave., New York City.
New Brunswick—JOHN A. WATSON, St. John.
North Carolina—JAMES C. MUNDS, Wilmington.
Ohio—WILLIAM E. EVANS, Chillicothe.
Oregon—SETH L. POPE, Portland, P. O. Box 256.
Ontario—A. G. HORFORD, Toronto.
Pennsylvania—FRANK W. MARTENIS, South Bethlehem.
Rhode Island—WILLIAM R. GREENE, Providence, Box 576.
Scotland—D. MURRAY LYON, Edinburgh.
South Carolina—ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Charleston.
Tennessee—W. A. CLENDENING, Nashville.
Vermont—HENRY H. ROSS, Rutland.
Washington—EDWARD R. HARE, Tacoma.
Wisconsin—WILLIAM W. PERRY, Milwaukee.

RETURNS

OF

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA.

A. D. 1904, A Dep. 2904,

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL, No. 1.

SACRAMENTO, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Theodore Jones Milliken, *T. Ill. M.*,
William Ohmer Girardey, *D. Ill. M.*,
Michael Thomas Coppersmith, *P. C. W.*,
William Monroe Petrie, *Treasurer*,
James Ellsworth Thompson, *Recorder*,
Egbert Alfred Brown, Capt. of *Guard*,
William Hewson Davis, *Conductor*.
Charles Henry Beesley, *Steward*.
Cephas Charles Olney, *Sentinel*.

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

Powell Samuel Lawson, *P. G. M.*,
William Monroe Petrie, *P. G. M.*,
John William Rock, *P. G. M.*,
Edwin Glover,
John Hurley,
William Hewson Davis, *P. G. M.*,
Harry Ingham,
Richard Vaughan,
Richard Palmer Burr,
Alexander John Gardiner,
David Farr,
Louis Cyrus Schindler.
William Alexander January,
Charles Richard Goss,
James Ellsworth Thompson,
George Dunn,
Daniel Hyman,
Thomas Joseph Hesson.

SELECT MASTERS.

Alderson, Richard
Alexander, Robert
Alltucker, Henry
Anderson, Joseph Maurice
Baker, Alfred Septimus
Baldwin, William Hedges
Barton, Charles Thomas
Bassett, William Walter
Baughman, Noble Henry
Bell, Henry Clay

Brittancourt, Thomas Maria
Block, Maurice
Book, Franklin Weaver
Booth, Albert Porch
Boyd, Joseph Charles
Bragg, Charles Lourin
Breuner, John
Breuner, Louis Frederick
Burchard, James Philo
Burgess, Alfred Llewellyn
Burnham, James Henry
Camp, James Glasby
Carlson, Charles Alfred
Carroll, Edgar Barclay
Carroll, Harry Winans
Casselli, Ansono
Champlin, Nelson
Chapman, George Warren
Chrisman, Elmer Judson
Church, William Smithers
Clark, George Harvey
Clauss, John
Clemons, William Strong
Cohn, Edward Francis
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin
Cothrin, William Kip
Cox, Thomas Jones
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cuthbert, William Williams
Davis, James Gilliland
De Coe, Culver Adam
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Derman, George Louis
Dierssen, George Ernest August
Dixon, William Henry
Douglas, William Wallace
Dreyer, Rasmus Peter Nielsen
Dunbar, Marcus William
Ettlinger, Bernard
Folger, Alfred Gilbert
Forney, Henry Hinkle
Fox, Thomas
Foye, William Robinson Smith
Frahm, Claus
Frommelt, Hugo
Gallatin, Albert
Gardner, Charles Francis
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew
Gillis, Dougald
Graham, Louis Edgar
Gray, Alexander Isaac
Gray, Arthur Irvine
Gray, Frank Livingstone
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Mosheim Schumacher
Harvey, Edwin Henry
Haynes, Edward
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, Wilbur March
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Heisen, Charles, Jr.
Heintzelman, Taylor Washington
Heitman, John Henry
Herzog, Philip
Hollister, Charles Edwin
Hollister, Dwight
Hoover, Benjamin Vanzandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Hubbs, Anthony
Ilgner, Charles William
Jackson, William Franklin
Johnson, Frank Taylor
Johnson, Hiram Warren
Johnson, Israel Joseph
Johnson, Philip
Johnston, Alfred J.
Johnston, Presley Thomas
Johnston, William
Jordan, Leander Robert
Ketcham, Marvin Alonzo
Kiesel, Frederick William
Kimbrough, Richard Oscar
Kleinsorge, Henry Emil
Kleinsorge, Wm. Edward
Klune, John Bernhard
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Knox, William Frederick
Lawson, Walter Brokaw
Lehrman, August Frederick
Levison, Jacob
Lightner, Bonus
Little, Christopher
Luce, John Coachman
Luhrs, Charles August
Lykins, Preston Lodwick
Mathews, Charles James
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McCandless, George Lindley

McCune, Henry Ewalt
McEntyre, Dan Hugh
McIndeor, John
McKee, Edwin Harvey
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
McMarten, John Alexander
McMaster, James Curtin
Meister, August
Meister, George Albert
Menke, Anton
Meyer, Johann Gerhard
Miller, Dwight Henry
Mills, James Edgar
Molter, Jacob Philip
Morrison, James Mathew
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Noack, Charles John
Oehsner, John
Olson, Alfred
O'Neil, James
Peck, Nelson Stanley
Perkins, Charles Calley
Peterson, William Frederick
Phillips, Charles Avery
Phipps, Charles Edward
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Platt, Philemon Eli
Prouty, William Harrison
Putnam, George Prescott
Randle, George Nelson
Rego, Edward Sutherland
Reid, Thomas Benton
Root, Charles Albert
Scheunert, Carl Emil
Schmid, Emil
Schroth, John George
Scott, Thomas James
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Shonefelt, William Doner
Simmonds, William Shapel
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Thomas
Springsted, Ernest Willard
Stephenson, William Albert
Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Steffens, Joseph
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Stoll, Benjamin Franklin
Sweany, John
Teichart, Adolph
Tozer, Charles Walter
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
Vaughn, Edward
Vermilya, Abram John
Wachhorst, Eugene Stuart
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Weil, Edward Adolph
White, George Amos
White, John Lysander
Wiard, William Frederick
Williams, Austin Daniel
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Wood, Henry Clay
Wood, Thomas
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Woodward, George Allen
Wright, Charles Edward
Yardley, Herbert Edward
Young, John Nelles
Young, Lamartine Wilson—218.

RESTORED.

Lawson, Powell Samuel—1.

WITHDRAWN.

Gagnon, Alfred
Eppinger, Herman
Huber, Julius Edward
Robie, Ira Allen
Wilder, Joel Osgood—5.

DIED.

Frates, Frank
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Isham, Ernest Jackson
Jensen, Robert
Webb, Charles Augustus—5.

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report	212	Withdrawn	5
Greeted	15	Died	5
Restored	1—228	Now borne upon the roll	—228

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

SAN FRANCISCO, SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Henry Ascroft, *Th. Ill. Master,*	Albert Michael Wapple *C.of G'ds.,*
Henry Nathaniel Hoffman, *D.I.M.,*	Michael John Kelley, *Conductor,*
George Penlington, *Prin. C. W.,*	Marcus Getz, *Steward,*
Charles Lord Field, *Treasurer,*	Samuel David Mayer, *Organist,*
Franklin Henry Day, *Recorder,*	Geo. Washington Perkins, *S'nt'l.*

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

Thomas Kyle, *P. G. M.,*	George Penlington, *P. G. M.,*
Franklin Henry Day, *P. G. M.,*	Henry Ascroft, *P. G. M.,*
Charles Lord Field, *P. G. M.,*	Robert Ash, *P. G. M.*

SELECT MASTERS.

Aigeltinger, Edward Hugo	Bingham, William Alexander
Aitken, John *R*	Black, Howard
Alexander, Joseph	Blossom, Henry Eckford
Allen, Richard Spicer	Bohls, Henry
Andres, George Samuel	Bone, Charles
Andrews, Thomas *P*	Bonney, Charles Sumner
Armstrong, George Robert	Booth, Frank Edmund
Ayers, Clarence Warwick	Bragg, Robert
Baker, Charles Henry	Bromley, George Tisdale
Barbier, Howard Frederic	Browell, Jeremiah
Barclay, Robert Henry	Brown, Henry Adams
Bassett, Charles Follen	Bruce, James Henderson
Bauer, Adolph Charles	Brunings, John Henry
Bauer, Chris. John	Bruns, Henry Frederick
Bauer, George William	Brunt, Walter Neat
Baum, David Andrew	Bullock, John Henry
Baum, Simon	Bunker, Robert Elmer
Benedict, Courtland Smith	Buswell, William Francis
Beretta, Cæsar Louis	Caley, John
Berry, De Los Tracy	Callinan, William
Berry, John Lafayette	Campbell, Walter Chauncey

Chapman, Edward Kirk
Christian, Ceasar
Clark, George Dickson
Cleve, Clarence Taylor
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans
Cluness, William Ross
Coburn, Ira Winn
Code, Philip *D*
Collins, William Henry
Conlisk, Charles William
Cook, Joseph Wheeler
Cook, Morton Leon
Cox, Alexander Middleton
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Cross, Charles Vernon
Cumback, William Elbert
Daggett, John Randolph
Davies, Llewellyn
Davis, Burt Lincoln
Davis, Henry Harvey
Davis, Winfield Scott
Day, Thomas Henry
Decker, Charles William
De Guerre, Albert SydneyJohnston
De Lamare, Auguste Jacques
Dietterle, George
Dobler, Charles
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dominguez, Richard Arthur
Dow, Edwin Tyson
Dragomanovich, Spiro *S G*
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty
Dunn, James
Dunne, James Patrick
Durbrow, Ross Lewis
Easton, Daniel Elisha Foote
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Eddy, Richard *A*
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Elliot, Charles Emery
Erdmann, William George Berthold
Erlin, George Edwin
Eva, Samuel James
Everding, James Campbell
Ewart, David Fraser
Ferguson, Phineas Fanning
Fetz, Joseph, Jr.
Feudner, Martin Otto
Filmer, George
Filmer, William Parker
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Foster, Arthur William
Fraser, John *P*
Frolich, Theodore
Fuller, William Henry
Gage, William Stebbins
Gagnon, Michael
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Gehret, Frederick
Geilfuss, Carl
Giles, Frederick *N*
Goldman, Max
Gordon, James Edward
Gould, Charles Walter
Grauerholz, Henry John
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Grover, William Silver
Gruenhagen, Charles Henry
Gruenhagen, Theodore Godlove
Haas, David Leopold
Hale, Reuben Brooks
Hall, Otho Norris
Hallett, Alonzo
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hare, Elias *C*
Harris, Thomas Voel
Harris, Marshall *C*
Hassler, William Charles
Hatch, James Henry
Hathorn, Ralph La Forest
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Hawks, James Lawrence
Hellwig, Christian
Henning, Hans Theodore
Highton, Henry Edward
Hopkins, Timothy
Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Horton, Thomas Roteh
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hromada, Adolph
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Huested, Orson Justus
Huff, William Henry Routin
Humphreys, William Penn
Hutchings, Hiram Samuel
Jacobs, Albert
Jacobs, Albert Pocorny
Jellison, Benjamin Franklin
Jewett, George Albert
Johnson, Albert de Montfredy
Johnson, George

Jones, Edward Campbell
Keilus, Charles
Kent, Thaddeus Benning
Kern, Morris James
Kimball, Roy Thurston
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Kittredge, Ralph Bell
Klein, John Mathias
Koenig, Frank
Koenig, Friedrich *H W D*
Kohler, Henry
Kramer, Louis George
Krieg, Anton
Ladd, Frank Bacon
Landgrebe, Robert George
Law, Hartland
Lawrence, William Babcock
Lee, John, Jr.
Lent, Samuel Lancaster
Lewandowski, John Anthony
Lewers, Robert
Lewis, William
Lippman, George W
Logan, Milburn Hill
Long, Herbert Clifton
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lucas, Walter Edward
Lyman, William Whittingham
Lynch, Henry Hudson
Lyon, William Henry
Madison, Henry Bennett
Mangrum, Arthur Sherman
Manner, Charles Vogt
Manning, Horatio Seymour
Marquis, Ferdinand *P C*
Marsh, John Alfred
McCarty, James
McDougall, Charles Campbell
McKellar, Norman
McMillan, Robert
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Merralls, William Augustus
Metzner, Charles Francis
Meyer, Arthur
Meyers, John Jacob
Miller, Thurlow Spragge
Mills, William Lucas Bisset
Montealegre, Carlos Francisco
Moore, Andrew
Morgan, Charles Augustus
Mouser, Silas Mercer
Mundwyler, John Jacob
Murdock, George Leonard
Murphy, Charles Henry
Myrson, Simon
Nagle, Richard Hamilton
Neuhaus, Christian Henry Fred.
Neustadter, Louis William
Newhall, Edwin White
Newman, George Howard
Niles, Edward Jackson
Noteware, Edward Washington
Nuttall, Hasalom
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Theodore Roosevelt
Patton, Charles Lewis
Payne, Warren Ritch
Peacock, William
Peck, Philip
Perine, George Mairs
Perkins, Samuel Henry
Perley, Albion Starbird
Phillips, William Rippard
Pike, Charles William
Price, Thomas
Price, William Edmund
Prince, Henry Gilman
Rennie, William
Ridley, Arthur Ernest Brooke
Rieser, Edwin Oliver
Riley, John Francis
Robinson, Thomas Braceland
Roeder, William Frederick
Ryan, Michael
Sabin, John Ira
Samter, Marks
Schetzel, Adolph Georg
Schmidt, Georg Wilhelm
Schmidt, Valentine
Schnee, Gustave
Schomer, George
Schreiber, Martin August William
Scott, Henry Wilson
Seibel, Philipp
Seymour, Simon Harry
Silverstein, Jacob
Siminoff, Morris
Smith, Lewis Warren
Smith, William Jacob
Soule, Arthur Calvin
Soule, William Lloyd Garrison
Spaulding, James Garfield
Speier, Bernard

Stallman, Charles Christian
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stephenson, Edward
Stockfleth, John
Stoddart, Augustus Wynne
Sumner, Frank William
Sussman, Samuel
Snydam, Charles Henry
Sykes, Charles Erastus
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thierbach, Louis Michael
Thomas, Harry Walter
Thompson, George
Thompson, George Howard
Tonningsen, John
Trebell, Thomas
Troutt, James Morris
Turpin, Andrew Walker
Twomey, James
Van Bergen, Henry
Vanderhurst, William
Vaughan, Hiram G.
Veen, Frank Joseph
Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alexander Barack
Walker, Robert Andrew
Walter, Henry Franklin
Warwick, James Blain
Welch, Willard Choate, Jr.
Wendell, Clarence Theodore
Westphal, Otto Francis
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
Whitcomb, Frank Randolph
Whitely, Henry Mallard
Wiley, George Adrian
Williams, George Henry
Williams, Harry Alston
Willman, Alexander
Wilson, Charles Harold
Wisnom, John
Woodbury, Warren Dean
Woodside, Alexander
Young, James
Young, Shirley Trever—

RESTORED.

Davies, Llewellyn—1.

WITHDRAWN.

Levy, Joseph—1.

DIED.

Abraham, Max
Broder, Robert Chidley
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Gerst, Garrison
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Norcross, Daniel
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Reis, John O'Neal
Roese, Charles Henry (Greeted Feb. 4, 1903)—10.

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report	275	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	43	Died	10
Affiliated	5	Now borne upon the roll	313—324
Restored	1—324		

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

MARYSVILLE, YUBA COUNTY.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Alexander Cameron Irwin, *Th.Ill.M.*,
Wm. Andrew Lowery, *Dep. Ill. M.*,
Charles *E* Stone, *P. C. of Works*,
Barnard Ross Boorman, *Treasurer*,
James Fred Eastman, *Recorder*,
Albert Julius Menz, *C. of Guards*,
John George MacLellan, *Conduc'r*,
Isaac Gabelle Cohn, *Steward*,
Peter Engel, *Organist*,
Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Lemuel Trescott Crane,
Frank *B* Miller,
William Andrew Lowery,
Alexander Cameron Irwin.

SELECT MASTERS.

Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Belcher, Richard
Berry, James McConnell
Boyd, John Duncan
Brockman, John Henry
Burner, Henry
Buttelman, Frederick William
Carpenter, George Washington
Crew, Alexander Hill
Durfee, Joseph
Ellis, William Turner
Ewell, Samuel
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hauss, Ferdinand
Hochstadter, Simon
Hopkins, Allen Bruscup
Hutchins, Gavin Walker
Lewek, Solomon
Mould, William
Peacock, William Flint
Peck, William Francis
Price, Charles John
Rogers, Samuel Josiah Smith
Sanborn, Miles Edward
Schuler, Conrad
Sieber, Henry Frederick
Skinner, Randolph Whitney
Slingsby, William
Stafford, William Henry—45.

EXCLUDED.

Moore, Frank Thomas
Stratton, Cornelius Allen—2.

DIED.

Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha—2.

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report.....	49	Excluded	2
		Died	2
		Now borne upon the roll..	45—49

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

SONORA, TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS.

William Lyman Hood, *T. Ill. M.*,
Nils Ladefoged Knudsen, *D.Ill.M.*,
Crittenden Hampton, *Prin.C.of W.*,
Thomas Arthur Stiles Hender, *Tr.*,
W. E. Burden, *Recorder*,
Charles Henry Burden, *Conductor of Guards*,
Alonzo Colby, *Conductor*,
Harry John Howell (new member), *Steward*,
Abraham Barlow, *Sentinel*.

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

Eduard Keil,
Frank Wilson Street,
Crittenden Hampton.

SELECT MASTERS.

Adair, Charles Francis
Barton, Eugene Hamilton
Clough, Fred'k Warren
Eastman, William White
Eslick, Charles
Fontana, Charles Domenick
Gould, Elisha Tolman
Johns, Samuel Joseph
Johnson, Andrew Porter
Johnson, Peter
Koch, William Alexander
Lagomarsino, James
Lane, Tom Travis
Langford, James Terry
Linsley, Carlos Shelton
Littlefield, John Franklin
Long, Wilbur
Loring, William Joseph
Madson, Arthur Gustave
Miller, Valentine William
Morgan, Frank Albert
Morgans, Morgan Philip
Morrow, George Washington
Nicol, George Woodburn
Nuner, Charles Glover
Nuner, William Marble, Jr.
Oliver, Dew Rodger
Obrien, James Timothy
O'Connell, John Henry
Patterson, Archibald
Paulsen, Hans Christian
Preston, Howard Alvin
Raggio, Joseph
Rainville, Alfred Hercules
Ratz, Frederick Henry
Roberts, David E.
Sharwood, William
Shine, John Henry
Smullen, Joseph Milton
Street, Charles Edward
Wells, Thomas Washington
Witney, John Lorin
Yossi, John Frederick—53.

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report	49	
Greeted	3	
W. E. Burden (omitted heretofore)	1—53	Now borne upon the roll.....53

SHASTA COUNCIL, No. 6.

REDDING, SHASTA COUNTY.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Morris Mehon, *Th. Ill. Master,*
Albert Frederick Ross, *D. Ill. M.,*
John William Garden, *P. C. W.,*
Charles Jacobson, *Treasurer,*
Adolphus Bystle, *Recorder,*
Reuben Hoyle, *C. of the Guards,*
George Crone Strode, *Conductor,*
James Dudley Hansen, *Steward,*
Francis Xavier Labonte, *Sentinel.*

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

Albert Frederick Ross, Morris Mehon.

SELECT MASTERS.

Andrews, William
Ashcroft, Aldis I.
Beard, John Samuel
Bell, Joseph Evans
Blossom, Robert Hurd
Boswell, William Alexander
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus
Cahoone, William Brower
Fish, William Andrew
Gardner, Elias Delevan
Garrabrant, Frank H.
Gillispie, William J.
Hall, Joseph N
Hawkins, Divine Zacharias
Hoyle, John E
Hunt, William Broderick
Hurst, Ferdinand
Kimball, Gorham Gates
Lambson, Giles Hamman
Lowden, William Spencer
McCoy, Leo Lewis
McCrum, Benjamin
Miller, Thomas Love
Murphy, Sylvanus Everett
Nichols, James Levin
Nicholson, Thomas Jamerson
Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Prim, Franklin Pierce
Reynolds, John Edward
Richardson, James Lee
Rosland, Oscar O
Rowles, James
Satterlee, Frank Peck
Scott, John V
Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Schroter, Gunther F C
Scranton, Jewett
Smith, Champion W
Stephenson, John Nicholas
Strode, John Sale
Sweeny, Edward
Teass, James Chester
Weil, Joseph
Wimmer, James Moses—53.

DIED.

Bystle, Daniel Potter
Scammon, James Freeman—2.

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report	49	Died	2
Greeted	6—55	Now borne upon the roll	53—55

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9.

HELENA, MONTANA.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. M.*,
James F. McNamee, *D. Ill. M.*,
Joseph J. Hindson, *P. C. of W.*,
Michael Reinig, *Treasurer*,
George Booker, *Recorder*,
Francis Doremus Jones, *C. of G.*,
H. Solomon Hepner, *Conductor*,
Jacob Longacre Walker, *Steward*,
Henry Cowden, *Sentinel*.

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

Cornelius Hedges, Sr.,
Walter E. Frederick,
James W. Hathaway,
Henry M. Parchen.

SELECT MASTERS.

Bennett, William G.
Cater, Charles S
Cook, Andrew B.
Cummings, Pat W.
Day, Edward Cason
Easterly, Allen M.
Edgar, Alfred D.
Featherman, James Benjamin
Featherman, John A.
Garrett, Clarence B.
Gates, Albert R.
Hedges, Cornelius, Jr.
Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin M
Jones, Louis L.
Kirkendall, Thomas B.
Kleinschmidt, Theodore H.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
McCann, William Henry
Middlemas, David W.
Neill, Edward D.
Nolan, Cornelius B.
Palmer, Alex L.
Parchen, Albert D.
Robinson, Jeremiah
Schwab, Samuel
Sederburg, Albert W.
Sommers, Henry
Stewart, William Wallace
Strong, Harry
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Turton, John Booth
Walk, Walter W.
Wood, George R.
Wommelsdorf, Emil—30.

SUSPENDED.

Spalding, William Scott—1.

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report.....51
Suspended for N. P. D.... 1
Now borne upon the roll..50—51

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

STOCKTON, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Charles Willis Norton, *T. Ill. M.*,
William Peter Steinbeck, *D.Ill.M.*,
Durrett Oliver Castle, *P. C. W.*,
James Webb Smith, *Treasurer*,
Arthur Morgan Noble, *Recorder*,
Henry Ephraim Robbins, *C. of G.*,
Edward Clement Stewart, *Con.*,
Fred Llewellyn Kincaid, *Steward*.
Charles Edward Howe, *Sentinel*.

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

William Abraham Davies, *P.G.M.*,
Edward Richards Hedges, *P.G.M.*,
Alexander Chalmers,
Soltan Frederick Calhoun.
Lewis Cass Wittenmyer.

SELECT MASTERS.

Adams, Charles Campbell
Bennett, Paul Witherly
Blodgett, John Millard
Bradford, George Hosack
Briscoe, Henry Ferguson
Brown, George Albert, Jr.
Brown, Philip Thomas
Buckland, Leonard Harrison
Caine, John
Catts, George Elbert
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Clark, Fred Pope
Cobb, Frank Dyckman
Cross, Samuel Nelson
Dalby, Samuel Price
Dickinson, Frank
Farnsworth, Clovis Alonzo
Finnell, Michael
Fitzgerald, William Wesley
Fraser, Philip Barry
Friedberger, Arnold
Friedberger, Leo
Garwood, John
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
Grunsky, Eugene Moritz
Hadcock, David
Harrison, William Bruce
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Henderson, Orrin Staples
Hickox, Francis Gaylord
Jory, John
Kennedy, Hallie Charles
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Krog, Peter Christian
Lane, Frank Ellis
Langford, George William
Latta, Samuel Eikenbarry
Lorenz, William Henry
Mallett, Albert
McKenzie, Geo. Alexander, *P.G.M.*
McLeod, John *H*
McNoble, George Francis
Meyer, Fred Olin
Meyer, Herman Corson
Miller, John Henry
Muenter, August Edward
Peart, Luke W.
Peterson, Richard Letcher
Phipps, William Grant
Powell, Barton Jerome
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Isaac Henry
Roe, Joseph William
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Russell, Richard William
Schlichtman, Claus
Seeley, John Whitney

Shaw, Henry Coffin
Sink, Reuben Henry
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Stone, William Henry
Swain, Cornelius
Swain, Joseph Henry
Tatterson, Arthur Potter
Tatterson, George Watson
Thompson, Edward Rees
Tindall, Pleasant Hay
Yardley, John—84.

WITHDRAWN.

McCreary, Edward Davis—1.

DIED.

Barber, Hyland Ebe
Bachman, Carl August—2.

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report	76	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	9	Died	2
Affiliated	2—87	Now borne upon the roll	84—87

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Warren Edward Rowley, *T. Ill. M.*,
William Henry Gaynor, *D. Ill. M.*,
Wm. Edwin Chamberlain, *P.C.W.*,
Walter Clements Durgin, *Treas.*,
Wm. Byron Scarborough, *Recorder*,
John Amos Kingsley, *Capt. of G.*,
Septimus Tuston Eldridge, *Con.*,
Charles Sherman Anderson, *S.*,
Wm. Hutchinson Henderson, *O.*,
Edward Hall Miller, *Sentinel.*

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

Henry Sayre Orme, *P. G. M.*,
Granville Quincy Stewart,
Robert Gilmore Cunningham,
August Wackerbarth, *P. G. M.*,
Wm. Byron Scarborough. *P. G. M.*,
David Monroe Sutherland, *G. M.*,
John Francis Hughes,
Willis Milnor Dixon.

SELECT MASTERS.

Adams, Horace Bishop
Adcock, Robert James
Amlin, John L.
Armstrong, George
Arnold, William Ralph
Arnoldt, Herman
Aylsworth, George Webb
Bacon, George

Bagby, Edwin Hanson
Bagley, Charles Leland
Balch, Allan Christopher
Bailey, John T.
Baldwin, Cornelius Vanoy
Barrow, Thomas Martin
Barto, Fred Oliver
Baxter, Samuel Cashier
Beattie, Robert Fountain
Beckett, Wesley Wilbur
Belcher, Harry Arthur
Benbrook, Charles Mallard
Berger, Andrew S.
Bernard, Gustav Adolph George
Berner, John Bismarck
Bicknell, John Dustin
Biescar, Henry
Bille, Marsello
Billington, Theophilus
Blackmer, Eli Tucker
Blackstone, Henry Winthrop
Blades, Paul Harcourt
Bliesner, William John
Bosbyshell, William
Boswell, Frank Moore
Bourne, John Franklin
Bowen, John Wesley
Bradbeer, James *H*
Bradish, Avery Jackson
Branch, John Franklin
Brauer, Adolph Karl
Braun, Henry
Bresee, Phineas Wright
Brill, William
Brink, John Edward
Brode, Alexander Charles
Brode, Walter Charles
Brookman, Arthur
Brooks, Frank Handy
Brown, Charles Milton
Brown, John Alexander
Browning, Charles Clifton
Bryson, Frank
Buchanan, James Alexander
Bulla, Robert Nelson
Bullis, Omri
Burkhardt, Adolph
Burns, Orin *L*
Burns, Robert Wallace
Burr, Charles Martin
Burr, John
Campbell, Alfred Quincy
Campbell, John Mis
Cannon, John Stevens
Carper, Philip Daniel
Caswell, William Mitchell
Cave, Daniel
Chase, Lucius Kurtz
Cline, William
Coate, Henry R.
Cobb, Edward Sigourney
Cohn, Elias
Colbert, Patrick
Conradi, Simon
Cook, George Washington
Cooksey, Job Emit
Conrey, Nathaniel Parrish
Collins, Burton Vincent
Copp, Andrew James, Jr.
Crawford, James Seth
Cribb, John Caborn
Cunningham, Frank *R*
Cunningham, John Calvin
Davis, Harvey
Dawson, John Bennett
Dewey, James Henry
Dill, Robie Everett
Donnell, John Alexander
Drain, John Hamilton
Drought, Robert
Duffill, Harry
Duffie, John Jefferson
Dunham, James Elias
Dunsmoor, John Marcus
Dutcher, Claude Elmer
Eason, Charles Horace
Eckstrom, Albert Axel
Eichelberger, Harry Martin
Ellis, Henry Bertrand
Everhardy, Mathew Wm.
Fairchild, John Anthony
Faust, Willis, Jr.
Ferbert, John *C*
Ferris, Horace Bayles
Field, Benjamin Franklin
Fiscus, Joseph
Fisher, Donnell George
Fitch, George Atkins
Flint, Frank Putnam
Flint, Motley Hewes
Folsom, Niles Rathbone
Fordham, Milton Cephas
Foshay, James A
Fraisher, Robert Love
Francis, Ira Johnson
Fraser, Leonidas Polk
Garthside, Joseph Relton
Gehrkens, William Henry

Gillis, Robert Cowan
Glass, Henry
Goehring, John George
Gotthelf, David
Granicher, Oswald
Greene, Emery Taylor
Greppin, Ernest Henry
Grubb, Oscar Edwin
Guthrie, Finis William
Habel, George Henry
Hale, Frank Seraph
Hamburger, Moses Asher
Hamilton, Harley Erastus
Hammond, William T. Sherman
Hanselman, John Wesley
Harper, Arthur Cyprian
Harris, Murray McCheyenne
Harrison, William Henry
Hart, Alexander Hamilton
Hart, Dwight Howard
Hart, Frank John
Hart, George Alandson
Haskell, John Condit
Haydock, Clarence
Henderson, Andrew
Henderson, William Alexander
Herr, George Frederick
Herron, Fred Irvine
Herron, Rufus Hills
Hervey, William Rhodes
Hiatt, William Macy
Hines, Fred Amos
Holcombe, Arthur Lovell
Holland, Lauren Thomas
Hollingsworth, Wm. Irving
Houselibe, William John
Howe, Edward Tucker
Howry, Charles DeForest
Hubbard, William Lewis
Humphreys, William Morgan
Iftiger, Hugo Julius
Jacobi, Louis
Jarrett, Benjamin Samuel
Jeffries, John Henry
Jones, John Taylor
Jones, Mark G
Jordan, Franklin
Jeffries, William Parish
Jeffries, William Thomas
Keller, Will Edward
Kennedy, Lewis H.
Kieth, George Frank
Kingsbury, William S.
King, John
Kinney, Arthur Wilson
Kirkland, Derwentwater
Kitchen, John Franklin
Knickerbocker, Niles
Koyer, Arthur Sheppard
Krempel, John Paul
Krohn, Henry George
Kyte, George Irvin
Lamb, Stacey Caldwell
Lander, Benjamin Stewart
Lang, Fred Selwyn
Latsch, Theo: Martin
Leix, Frederick
Levy, Michael
Lewis, Edward William
Lloyd, Charles
Long, James William
Louis, Emanuel J
Lovell, Lawrence Archer
Lovett, William Watson
Ludlow, George Watson
Mack, Patrick Henry
Mackay, George Grant
Maier, Simon
Malone, Augustine Charles
Mart, Charles
Martin, Julius Herbert
Masters, John Henry
Masters, Robert Emmett
Matheson, John Luther
McAllister, Frank Allister
McAllister, James Pinkerton
McClurkin, William John
McCollough, Alex M. F.
McComas, Charles
McCoy, David Allen
McCray, Morris Lynn
McFie, William Thomas
McGarvin, Donne Clio
McLeod, John A.
Mead, Charles Abiel
Mead, William Howard
Medina, John Biancarte
Melczer, Joseph
Mercer, Preston R.
Merrill, Joseph Lane
Merwin, Andrew Homer
Meserve, Frank Pierce
Miller, John McCalmont
Miller, Robert Warren
Mitchell, Charles Edward
Moore, Elmer Ellsworth
Moore, Thomas Edward
Morgan, Oscar Crellin

Morgan, William Brazelton
Morrison, Wm. Edward Domville
Mott, Albert Clark
Mueller, Oscar Charles
Murphy, Claire Warren
Murphy, Joseph Lannes
Murray, Alexander Wilson
Murray, John Emmett
Mussey, Nathaniel Dickson
Myrick, Nathaniel Willis
Nicholls, Andrew
Nightingale, John Henry
Noble, William C. Hayes
Off, John William Arnold
Owens, Madison Townsend
Pallette, Edward M.
Parker, Francis Marion
Patterson, Charles Edgar
Paul, John Rink
Pease, Niles
Pease, Sherman
Peck, Daniel Gauger
Pendell, Charles Elisha
Perry, John Sergent
Pettebone, Henry Wells
Pfaffinger, Frank Xavier
Pierce, Clarence W.
Pierce, Darwin Willson
Pillsbury, George Eber
Poundstone, Jacob
Powers, Edward Everett
Preston, Jasper Newton
Raze, Arthur Eldridge
Rees, Bert
Reid, James Arthur
Renfro, Alva D.
Rhodes, Allin Lee
Rideout, William Andrew
Riggle, Elmer Willis
Rockwell, Lorenzo Anson
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Ross, Frederick Wm.
Routzahn, Willis Harsey
Rule, Ferd Kennett
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Scheerer, Conrad
Schmidt, Fred Wilhelm Theodore
Schoder, Howard J.
Schrieber, William George
Schuler, Louis Herman
Schwaebe, Lewis Henry
Sebastian, Charles Edward
Sexton, Charles Wesley
Shannon, Wm. Alexander
Shelton, Harry Ashton
Sherman, Moses Hazeltine
Simms, John H.
Skinner, Alden W.
Small, Richard Ellsworth
Smalley, John Newton
Smart, George Joseph
Smith, Benjamin N.
Smith, Charles Alton
Smith, Everett Russell
Smith, Joseph Augustus
Smith, Melvin David
Smith, William Albert
Snow, Harry L.
Snowden, Joshua Hazelrigg
Snyder, Meredith Pinxton
Spaulding, Fred Leverett
Spence, William Glenn
Spinks, Wallace Humphrey
Stansbury, Charles
Starbuck, Henry Fletcher
Stephens, Wm. Dennison
Stewart, George Hadley
Storrow, Samuel
Strassburg, Edward
Stewart, Albert Inlus
Strohm, Thomas
Suits, Elihu Daniel
Sweet, Otto
Talmage, James Clark
Tanner, Wilson Gustin
Teagle, Leander Allen
Thayer, Joseph Harriot
Thompson, Charles Wesley, Jr.
Thompson, Chester Weaver
Thompson, John Scott Vance De C
Thompson, William Edward
Thompson, Robert Mossman
Trobeck, John August
Tuttle, Victor Hugo
Uhl, George
Urmston, John Kreck
Valiant, George Francis
Valentine, William Lucas
Vandervort, James
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Variel, Robert Henry Fauntleroy
Vawter, Edwin James
Vetter, Louis Fisher
Vignolo, Ambrogio
Vogel, Herman Oscar
Volkman, Martin Frederick
Wade, Robert David

Walker, Daniel Henry
Wankowski, Robert
Ward, Ben E.
Ward, Perl Adelbert
Ward, William Henry
Wardell, Ralph Hewitt
Weber, John
Webster, James William
Weidner, Peter
Welch, William Ormond
Weller, Dana Reid
Werdin, Ernest Rudolph
Wescott, Otis Horton
West, George Miller
West, Henry Hebard
Wheeler, Emanuel Randolph
Wheeler, Horace Marcellus
White, William
Whiting, Perry
Whitman, William Colfax
Whitney, Grant Ulysses
Williams, Herbert George
Willis, Frank Rominar
Wood, Charles Modini
Wreden, Carl Von
Yarnell, Caleb Amos
Young, John William
Youngworth, Leo Valtus
Zaiser, Lewis G.—378.

WITHDRAWN.

Barden, Edward Everett—1.

EXCLUDED.

Getchell, Charles Edward—1.

DIED.

Brousseau, Julius
Meyer, Samuel
Morgan, William Adams
Sinsabaugh, George—4.

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report	318	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	65	Excluded	1
Affiliated	1—384	Died	4
		Now borne upon the roll	378—384

OAKLAND COUNCIL No. 12.

OAKLAND, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

Stated Meetings, fifth Thursday of months having five Thursdays.

OFFICERS.

William James Chesney, *Th.Ill.M.*,
Frank Reeve Woolsey, *Dep. Ill. M.*,
Edward Harrison Morgan, *P.C.W.*,
James Bestor Merritt, *Treasurer*,
George Henry Smith, *Recorder*,
Fred Duane Voorhees, *Capt. of G.*,
Charles Frank Thomas, *Conductor*,
Henry Schwarz, *Steward*,
Robert Griffith Evans, *Sentinel.*

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

James Bestor Merritt, *P. G. M.*,
W. Frank Pierce, *P. G. M.*,
Edward Harrison Morgan,
Webb Nicholson Pearce,
Edwin Allen Sherman,
Eugene Carmeny,
Edward Constant Robinson,
William Clay Smith,
Robert Edgar,
Amasa Wright Bishop,
Augustus Lewis Ott,
Damien Edmont Fortin,
Albert H. Merritt, *P. G. M.*,
John Alexander Britton,
George Henry Smith,
Charles Herbert Wever,
George Washington Boxley.

SELECT MASTERS.

Aiken, Ilo R.
Allen, Chas. Hamilton
Austin, George William
Austin, Harry
Avery, Mark Herbert
Bacon, Gilman William
Badger, Thomas Norman
Bahls, Richard
Baker, Alvin W.
Barry, William
Bates, Joseph Clement
Beckwith, John A.
Bell, Harmon
Bergsten, Oscar Paulus
Bice, John
Bilger, Frank William
Blohm, Charles Henry
Borton, Chester Cooper
Breed, Arthur Hastings
Brown, Lewis Henry
Browne, Henry Rosekrans
Brunner, Henry Ernest
Bullock, Richard Steele
Burrell, Alfred William
Burt, Frederick Leslie
Buteau, Samuel Hall
Button, Fred Lawrence
Cahill, Patrick
Carman, Frank Vanvy
Carpenter, Arthur Eugene
Chalmers, George Fred
Clark, William Amir
Clawiter, Edward Henry
Cole, James Cairns
Cook, Frank Bigelow
Corder, Arthur Elmer
Cowell, Charles Herbert
Cozzens, Arthur Eugene
Crellin, Thomas Arthur
Crooks, John Chisholm
Crossman, William Thomas
Cull, William Davenport
Cushing, Frank Worthy
Dailey, William Curtis
Dakin, Frederick Holroyd
Dallam, Fred Boothby
Dallerup, John
Dalton, Henry Philip
Davis, Judson Milton
Davis, Lucien Dwight
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
De La Montanya, Harry Orton
Dibert, Wayne Clay
Doane, Raymond Orrin
Douglass, Charles Henry
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Dudley, William Moses
Earl, Guy Chaffe
Edward, Ambrose Frederick
Ely, Ralph Asahel
Emerson, Harry Wylie
Emigh, Thomas Powell
Evans, Charles
Evers, John Henry
Ferrier, Francis
Fisher, George Cresse
Flood, Alfred James
Foster, Newell Kelley
French, Robert Ellsworth
Friend, Roger Benjamin
Fulton, William
Gilbert, Ethan Allen
Gilpin, Zachary Taylor
Glines, Herbert Atherton
Gompertz, Walter Alexander
Goodman, George
Graham, Francis Elmer
Granger, Farley Benjamin
Grau, Edward Arnold

Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gregory, Calvin Levi
Gunn, Adam Francis
Hahn, Henry Casper
Handy, Brayton Everington
Hansen, Albert Lauritz
Hansen, Hans Peter
Hansen, Peter Christian
Havard, Richard Daniel
Hawes, Benjamin Cowell
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Heeseman, Charles J.
Hellwig, George Peter
Hewes, Charles Leslie
Hill, Otis
Holmgren, John Alexander
Hopper, John Frederick E.
Horner, Charles F.
Hume, William Robert
Hunt, Charles Melville
Huxley, Thomas Charles
Jackson, Alton Cass
James, Edward Harrison
Johnson, Christian Ole
Jones, Algernon Sydney
Kales, Martin William
Keiser, Chris
Kelsey, John Edson
Kempkey, Augustus F. K.
Kendall, Alpheus
Knowland, Joseph
Knowland, Joseph Alexander
Kolz, Robert A. F.
Koser, Newton Alexander
Leach, Abraham Powell
Loch, Frederick William
Long, Charles Stuart
Lord, Carlos Reuben
Love, Thomas
Loy, William Edward
MacLafferty, Charles P.
Makins, Joseph Henry
Manuel, Walter Griswold
Marlin, Henry B.
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Martin, John
Mauzy, Byron
May, Henry
McClain, Joseph
McClymonds, John William
McKeen, Albert Atwater
McLaughlin, Charles Weldy
McNulty, Harry James
Meek, Harry Wert
Meek, Rudolph Wallace
Meek, William Ellsworth
Meese, Constant
Meredith, James Washington
Metcalf, George Dickson
Metcalf, Solon Theres
Michaels, Henry
Miller, Charles Howard
Miller, Thomas Irving
Minor, Robert
Mobley, Warren G.
Morris, Moses
Mott, Frank Kanning
Moulthrop, Carlton Francis
Moulthrop, Willey Howard
Murphy, James Joseph
Nash, Chester Bell
Nordman, Artilus Ferdnand
Nordman, Peter
Nutting, Charles Wilber
O'Donnell, Francis Henry E.
Ohea, George Harvey
O'Neill, Peter J.
Ott, Charles Frederick
Overacker, Charles B.
Owen, William Henry Searls
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall
Payne, George Henry
Phillips, John Waterman
Petherick, John Henry
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Piercy, Arthur Thomas
Platt, Samuel J.
Price, Wallace Covert
Prindle, Edward C.
Prowse, Charles
Ramage, Andrew
Randall, Charles Wells
Redington, Charles Henry
Reist, Jay Harry
Revalk, Richard Emil
Richardson, Friend William
Robbins, Henry Russell
Robertson, Albert Atwater
Robertson, Daniel
Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Roeth, George
Russell, Thomas Bartlett
Sandelin, Charles Frederick
Sansom, John A.
Sargeant, Edwin Lyman
Seller, John
Schindler, Henry Bernard
Schleuter, Edward C.

Schleuter, Herman F.
Schrock, William A.
Scott, George Amos
Scott, John Walter
Slater, Urates Majer
Smilie, Alexander Innes
Smith, Graham
Smith, Kirby Bounty
Spreckels, Richard
Standeford, William Burt
Stromgren, Gustave Adolph
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Swain, Herschel Vespucian, Jr.
Taylor, James Howard
Thomas, Charles Goodwin
Thompson, Robert Crawford
Tuttle, Hiram Sinclair
Volmer, Rudolph
Walker, Percy John
Walsh, Edward Marion
Wanger, Gustave Adolf
Watson, Franklin Granville
Webster, Leander Rankin
Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Werner, Edward Peter
Westlake, Leonard John
Whipple, Edwin
Whitlatch, Daniel Harry
Whitmore, Welles
Wight, Frederick Gordon
Wilkes, Farrington
Wilkes, William E.
Williams, John
Williamson, Willard Forsyth
Winchell, Colvin S.
Wood, Herbert Anthony
Woodin, Eugene
Woolsey, Philip Sheridan
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablonsky, John—252.

DIED.

Gillett, Charles Edwin
Hamilton, William Thomas
Lancaster, Americus Vespucius
Spaulding, Nathan Weston—4.

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report..230	Died 4
Greeted ..... 26—256	Now borne upon the roll.252—256

GATEWAY COUNCIL No. 13.

AUBURN, PLACER COUNTY.

Stated Meetings, third Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

John M. Fulweiler, *Th. Ill. M.*,	Jonathan Fulton, *C. of Guards*,
Alex. K. Robinson, *Dep. Ill. M.*,	Preston Washington Smith, *Con.*,
Joseph Marie Francis, *Prin. C. W.*,	John Coleman Safford, *Steward*,
Alfred Lovell Smith, *Treasurer*,	Thomas Milton Todd, *Organist*,
David Wademer Lubeck, *Recd'r.*,	William Craig Anderson, *Sentinel*.

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

Jacob Hart Neff, *P. G. M.*,
John Gould Bisbee, *P. G. M.*,
John Mathias Fulweiler.

SELECT MASTERS.

Aikers, Charles Duval
Allen, George Eugene
Anderson, Albert Wallace
Bell, Joseph Vincent
Birdsall, Ernest Stratton
Brown, Edward Doyle
Chappellet, Felix, Jr.
Coombs, William
Cowan, Gordon Robinson
Crowell, William Albert
Curtis, Henry Chittenden
Davis, Frederick Calvin
Delano, Ira Lemuel
Disque, Henry
Duggan, Charles Martin
Gladding, Albert James
Haenny, John
Hawk, Elbridge Lafayette
Jansen, Walter
Kendall, Edward John
Lardner, William Branson
Linninger, Michael David
Mardis, Benjamin Allen
Martin, Charles
May, William Isaac
McAninch, John
McAulay, George
Michael, Martin
Moore, John Thomas
Nelson, Charles Robert
Nicholls, William, Jr.
Pemberton, George Francis
Power, Harold Thomas
Powers, Amos Mathews
Roberts, Robert William
Rooney, Robert Fleming
Smith, Benjamin Franklin
Sparks, William Martin
Stevens, Amos
Stevens, Frederick Solon
Stevenson, Thomas
Woodard, John Carlton—54.

WITHDRAWN.

Ahlborn, Charles Joseph Henry—1

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report	51	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	4—55	Now borne upon the roll	54—55

SANTA ANA COUNCIL, No. 14.

SANTA ANA, ORANGE COUNTY.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

James William Towner, *T. Ill. M.*,
Addison Crockett Bowers, *D.Ill.M.*,
Leonard Frank Harvey, *Prin.C.W.*,
Robert Francis Chilton, *Treas.*,
Alan Fowler Smith, *Recorder*,
Max Reinhaus, *Captain of Guards*,
John Brown Nichols, *Conductor*,
George Pliny Hill, *Steward*,
John Saxon Haywood, *Sentinel.*

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

James William Towner,
James Hedges Hall,
James Dean Wilder
Edwin Dumont Buss.

SELECT MASTERS.

Anderson, John Nelson
Balcom, Balys Greenwood
Ball, Charles Dexter
Beals, Albert
Bisby, Robert Lee
Bradford, Albert Sumner
Bundy, Milton John
Burke, Orin Harry
Clark, George Crook
Coltrin, Amador Francis
Conn, Frederick
Cushman, Ruggles Allerton
Deyoe, Frederick Theodore
Diers, Henry
Dryer, John Lewis
Fairbanks, Harlan
Faust, George Andrew Willis
Frampton, George Reed
Gamble, Austin Abram
Gildmacher, Joseph
Greeley, John Philip
Gregg, Walter Scott
Griffith, George Whitefield, Jr.
Harding, Foster William
Hately, William
Hill, Samuel
Holgate, Schofield
Holt, John
Honey, Edwin Alonzo
Lee, Eugene Tewksbury
Leithead, William Wilson
Lovett, Charles Edward
Lutz, William Frederick
McCarric, Franklin
McDowell, John Colvin
McNeill, Christopher
McTaggart, Neil Godfrey
Medlock, James Randolph
Menges, Marion Albert
Paine, James Robert
Parker, Charles Edward
Preble, George Edward
Reinhaus, Julius
Richardson, Erwin Ellsworth
Robinson, George Eddie
Royer, Daniel Franklin
Scott, Walter Maxwell
Shaw, Linn Lee
Small, Lucien
Smith, Ezekiel Bernard
Staley, Arthur
Toothaker, George Dexter
Trudo, Edward
Tyerman, Thomas Benton
Upham, Harry George
Waffle, Edson Dwight
Wallace, Elmer S.
Watson, Kellar *E*
Whidden, George Akerman
Whitney, Mervin Newton
Wilkinson, Laurence Smith
Wood, William Bell—74.

WITHDRAWN.

Buck, John Henry
Raymond, Revand Rogers
Starbuck, Henry Fletcher
Fairbanks, Charles Devans.—4.

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report....70
Greeted 7
Affiliated ..... 1—78
Withdrawn 4
Now borne upon the roll..74—78

VENTURA COUNCIL, No. 15.

VENTURA, VENTURA COUNTY.

Stated Meetings, first Tuesday after Full Moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

Frederick Wm. Baker, *Th. Ill. M.*,
Willis Philip Lincoln, *Dep. Ill. M.*,
Richard Owen Robinson, *Prin.C.W.*,
John Stephenson Collins, *Treas.*,
David John Reese, *Recorder*,
William Edward Ready, *Cap.of G.*,
Herbert Alvaro Giddings, *Cond'r.*,
William McGuire, *Steward*,
Truman Barrick Gosnell, *Sentinel.*

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

Albert Perham Hardy, Frederick William Baker.

SELECT MASTERS.

Alves, John
Argabrite, Jacob Lewis
Blackstock, Nehemiah
Burson, Edward Wright
Burson, George Washington
Burson, Willis
Butcher, William Preston
Carr, Earl
Carr, Phelitus Sprague
Cook, George
Day, James Allen
Dennison, David Rhodes
Dodge, Edward Gardner
Ely, Martin Juda
Engstrom, Frans Otto
Ernsberger, Frank Armstrong
Kauffman, Parke Wilfred
Kilson, George Elmer
Knight, Clarence Crosby
Metcalf, Winfield Bradbury
Misa, Charles Henry
Neel, Henry Harrison
Reese, David John
Power, George Coffin
Rice, Thomas Alexander
Rowley, Charles Harvey
Starkweather, Geo. Albert
Sudden, Robert Cowperthwaite
Taggart, James William
Taylor, Arthur Wilson
Thompson, Mark
Turner, William Henry
Wittemyer, John Lewis—43.

WITHDRAWN.

Soper, Orville—1.

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report	37	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	6—43	Now borne upon the roll	42—43

PASADENA COUNCIL, No. 16.

PASADENA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Charles Joseph Willett, *Th. Ill. M.*
Romayne Williams, *Dep. Ill. M.*,
Oscar Otto Freeman, *Prin. C. W.*,
William Henry Vedder, *Treasurer*,
William Bryant Edwards, *Recod'r.*,
Benj. Brooks Cartright, *C. of G.*,
Jefferson Corvesso Fraser, *Con.*,
Lewis Henry Bonner, *Steward*,
George Washington Skyrme, *Sentinel.*

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

George Washington Skyrme, Charles Joseph Willett.

SELECT MASTERS.

Ball, Benjamin Franklin
Behlow, Robert Roscoe
Buchanan, Charles Wesley
Cambell, James H.
Clark, James
Crump, Edward Sisson
Dawson, James Porter
Edwards, Albert Ernest
Edwards, Simon Josiah
Frary, Leander Warren
Geohegan, Harry
Grimes, Charles
Hansen, Nels Peter
Hayes, Orrin Henry
Hughes, James Barr
May, Ernest Heath
McGregory, William Whitney
Mercer, Albert
Packard, Elmer Charles
Peaslee, John
Perrin, Leonard
Porter, La Fayette Seward
Rhodes, Charles Hillyer
Richardson, Warren Josiah
Rossiter, John Gormley
Sherry, Henry
Shibley, William
Slavin, Matthew
Skillen, Charles Moses
Smith, John Martin
Sutton, Charles Thomas
Williams, Robert Adams
Thompson, Nels Lewis—42.

RECAPITULATION.

On roll per last report..28
Greeted . . . . . 14—42
Now borne upon the roll. 42

LIST OF COUNCILS,

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1904.

	NAMES OF COUNCILS.	No. of Council.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended for unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
1	SACRAMENTO	1	15	.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	218	$ 124 00
2	CALIFORNIA	2	43	5	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	313	199 50
3	MARYSVILLE	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	45	22 50
*	SIERRA NEVADA	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	SONORA	5	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	29 00
5	SHASTA	6	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	53	32 50
*	VIRGINIA	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*	YREKA	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	HELENA	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	50	25 00
7	STOCKTON	10	9	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	84	51 00
8	LOS ANGELES	11	65	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	4	378	254 00
9	OAKLAND	12	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	252	152 00
10	GATEWAY	13	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	31 00
11	SANTA ANA	14	7	1	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	44 00
12	VENTURA	15	6	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	27 00
13	PASADENA	16	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	35 00
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*Charter surrendered.

GAIN, 163.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Councils		16
Number of Councils working		13
Number of Councils making returns		13
Greeted during the year	198	
Affiliated	9	
Restored	3	
		210
Withdrawn	14	
Excluded for N. P. D. in Lodge or Chapter	3	
Suspended for non-payment of dues	1	
Died	29	
		47
Gain		163
Total membership January 31, 1904		1,658

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected Since the Organization of the Grand Council,

June 26, A. Dep. 2860.

1860.

*Isaac Davis ..... *Grand Master.*
*William Caldwell Belcher ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
*Adolphus Hollub ..... *Grand Illustrious Master.*
*James Lawrence English ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

*William Caldwell Belcher ..... *Grand Master.*
*Adolphus Hollub ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
*James Lawrence English ..... *Grand Illustrious Master.*
*Isaac Sutvene Titus ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

*Adolphus Hollub ..... *Grand Master.*
*Isaac Sutvene Titus ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
William Abraham Davies ..... *Grand Illustrious Master.*
*John Ashby Tutt ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

*Isaac Sutvene Titus ..... *Grand Master.*
William Abraham Davies ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
*Anderson Seavy ..... *Grand Illustrious Master.*
*Charles L. Danielson ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

William Abraham Davies ..... *Grand Master.*
*Anderson Seavy ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
*Louis Cohn ..... *Grand Illustrious Master.*
William Alexander January ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1865.

*Anderson Seavy ..... *Grand Master.*
*Louis Cohn ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
William Alexander January ..... *Grand Illustrious Master.*
*Alvin Bacon Preston ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*James Lawrence English.....*Grand Master.*
*Alvin Bacon Preston.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
Frederick Ferdinand Barss.....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
*Joseph Isaacs .....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

*Alvin Bacon Preston.....*Grand Master.*
*Joseph Isaacs .....*Deputy Grand Master.*
Frederick Ferdinand Barss.....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
*William Franklin Knox.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1868.

*Joseph Isaacs .....*Grand Master.*
Frederick Ferdinand Barss.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
*William Franklin Knox.....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
*Stephen Wing .....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

Frederick Ferdinand Barss.....*Grand Master.*
*Stephen Wing .....*Deputy Grand Master.*
*Leonard Gross .....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
Thomas Kyle .....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

*Stephen Wing .....*Grand Master.*
Thomas Kyle .....*Deputy Grand Master.*
*William Thomas Reynolds.....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
Powell Samuel Lawson.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

Thomas Kyle .....*Grand Master.*
*William Thomas Reynolds..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
Powell Samuel Lawson.....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
Henry Sayre Orme.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

*William Thomas Reynolds.....*Grand Master.*
Powell Samuel Lawson.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
Henry Sayre Orme.....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
*George Tuttle Grimes ....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

Powell Samuel Lawson.....*Grand Master.*
Henry Sayre Orme.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
*George Tuttle Grimes .....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
*Edmund Taylor Wilkins.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

HENRY SAYRE ORME.....*Grand Master.*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE.....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
*EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

HENRY SAYRE ORME.....*Grand Master.*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE.....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
*EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES.....*Grand Master.*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
*EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS.....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE.....*Grand Master.*
*EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES.....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1879.

*EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS.....*Grand Master.*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK.....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
*DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES.....*Grand Master.*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
*DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE.....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES.....*Grand Master.*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
*DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE.....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK.....*Grand Master.*
*DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE.....*Deputy Grand Master.*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE.....*Grand Illustrious Master.*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

*Daniel Potter Bystle ..... *Grand Master.*
George Alexander McKenzie ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
Franklin Henry Day ..... *Grand Illustrious Master.*
Robert Gilmore Cunningham ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

George Alexander McKenzie ..... *Grand Master.*
Franklin Henry Day ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
Robert Gilmore Cunningham ..... *Grand Illustrious Master.*
Lemuel Trescott Crane ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

Franklin Henry Day ..... *Grand Master.*
Robert Gilmore Cunningham ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
Charles Lord Field ..... *Grand Illustrious Master.*
James Bestor Merritt ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1886.

Charles Lord Field ..... *Grand Master.*
James Bestor Merritt ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
*William Edward Oughton ..... *Grand Illustrious Master.*
W. Frank Pierce ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1887.

Charles Lord Field ..... *Grand Master.*
James Bestor Merritt ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
*William Edward Oughton ..... *Grand Illustrious Master.*
W. Frank Pierce ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

James Bestor Merritt ..... *Grand Master.*
*William Edward Oughton ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
W. Frank Pierce ..... *Grand Illustrious Master.*
*David Pugh Marshall ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

*William Edward Oughton ..... *Grand Master.*
W. Frank Pierce ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
*David Pugh Marshall ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

W. Frank Pierce ..... *Grand Master.*
*David Pugh Marshall ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
George Penlington ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1891.

W. FRANK PIERCE ..... *Grand Master.*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
GEORGE PENLINGTON ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1892.

W. FRANK PIERCE ..... *Grand Master.*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
GEORGE PENLINGTON ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1893.

*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL ..... *Grand Master.*
GEORGE PENLINGTON ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
*CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1894.

GEORGE PENLINGTON ..... *Grand Master.*
*CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1895.

*CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT ..... *Grand Master.*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
HENRY ASCROFT ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1896.

WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS ..... *Grand Master.*
HENRY ASCROFT ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
ROBERT ASH ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1897.

HENRY ASCROFT ..... *Grand Master.*
ROBERT ASH ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1898.

ROBERT ASH ..... *Grand Master.*
AUGUST WACKERBARTH ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
JACOB HART NEFF ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1899.

AUGUST WACKERBARTH ..... *Grand Master.*
JACOB HART NEFF ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
WILLIAM BYRON SCARBOROUGH ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1900.

JACOB HART NEFF ..... *Grand Master.*
WILLIAM BYRON SCARBOROUGH ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
JOHN GOULD BISBEE ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1901.

WILLIAM BYRON SCARBOROUGH ..... *Grand Master.*
JOHN GOULD BISBEE ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1902.

JOHN GOULD BISBEE ..... *Grand Master.*
ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
DAVID MONROE SUTHERLAND ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1903.

ALBERT HUMPHREY MERRITT ..... *Grand Master.*
DAVID MONROE SUTHERLAND ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
EDUARD KEIL ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1904.

DAVID MONROE SUTHERLAND ..... *Grand Master.*
EDUARD KEIL ..... *Deputy Grand Master.*
CHARLES J. WILLETT ..... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

SALUTATORY.

There is in every initiation a slight tremor felt, even by those who have become inured to them by frequently travelling the rough and rugged road.

So when we learned that the Grand Master, taking advantage of our absence in foreign lands, had assigned us the duty of reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Councils there was a shrinking from the task, knowing as we did that we would probably clash with many whose work we might criticise, and who might consider us rather fresh.

But we beg the indulgence of the brethren of the quill, steel and typewriter, and will endeavor to be as humble as a novice should be, and if we earn no commendation, hope to escape severe censure.

We have received Proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, a larger number than usual. A few are either dead or sleeping, or if alive have failed to be neighborly and to let us know how they are getting along.

ALABAMA.

We should have been much pleased if our initial effort in reviewing could have been expended upon our native State, and the mother of our Grand Council.

On examination we find that ten years have elapsed since any report has been received.

Their slumbers have been so peaceful that not the slightest snore has broken the stillness.

We earnestly hope that it is not the sleep of death, but only a good long rest, and that ere long they will arise to new labors and exalted usefulness.

ARKANSAS.

1903.

Arkansas sends us a souvenir volume, embellished with photos of the General Grand Council under varied circumstances: "At the Cotton Gin," "Picnic on the Lake," "Grand Lodge Hall" and Blue Lodge Hall. Also a half-tone of the Grand Master, whom we should judge to be "well known for his determination of character."

A special assembly was held October 5, 1903, for the purpose of

welcoming the General Grand Council. Addresses were made by Grand Officers and by the Mayor of the City of Little Rock.

Responses by the General Grand Master Companion MAYO and by Companion SWANSTRON, *D.·. G.·. M.·.*

Whether or not they accomplished any good, they at least had a royal good time, and we regret that we were unable to be present.

The Forty-first Annual Assembly met at Little Rock November 19. 1903, all the Grand Officers but two being present, together with five Past Grand Masters and the representatives of six Councils. California's representative, Companion G. J. KLOCK, was also on hand.

The Grand Master delivered a brief and business-like address. No member of the Grand Council had been called home during the year, and no decisions had been asked for. The Grand Secretary reported five Councils in a moribund condition, recommending stringent measures, which were duly taken by the Grand Council. Petitions for the degrees were presented from a number of Companions residing in counties where no Councils are located. These being elected, the degrees were conferred by the Grand Council. We find that many of the reviewers question this action and ask what is the status of Companions so greeted. Certainly they should affiliate with some Council to preserve their standing.

There are in this jurisdiction seven live Councils, with 263 members.

G. W. SKIDMORE, Little Rock, Grand Master; FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock, Grand Recorder.

COLORADO.

1903.

The Ninth Annual Assembly was held in the City of Denver September 16, 1903, all the Grand Officers being present, together with four Past Grand Masters and the representatives of eight Councils.

The Grand Master noted the deaths of several distinguished Companions of other jurisdictions, while none of the members of his own Grand Council had been called away. Peace and harmony prevails, and he thinks that work only is necessary to put the Cryptic Rite upon the high plane where it belongs. He has discovered that the Grand Council of Florida still exists, at which we rejoice. We presume that, like Alabama and Louisiana, Florida has been taking a siesta so necessary in tropical countries, and when they do wake up we shall witness a growth similar to that of the vegetation of their fields and forest. Grand Master has apparently had an enjoyable year. He reports a fair amount of work done, dues all paid and a snug amount in bank.

He wants the Council degrees made a prerequisite for the Templar orders. So do most of us, but that is as far as we are likely to get.

He discusses the "Georgia Plan" at length, and though perceiving some good points therein, cannot recommend it. To us it seems worse than the "Mississippi Merger" of ancient and unfragrant memory. There are ten Councils with 463 members.

MARSHALL H. DEAN, Glenwood Springs, Grand Master, ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, Denver, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

A special Assembly was held in Middletown January 28, 1903, to consider the advisability of restoring the charter of Columbia Council, No. 9. The Grand Master advised, however, that it would be better to issue a dispensation and start anew. This was accordingly done, and twelve Companions were authorized to begin work as Columbia Council U. D.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Assembly was held in the City of New Haven May 13, 1903, all the Grand Officers except ——————..... ..... and the representatives of twenty-one Councils. Immediately after the report of the Committee on Credentials the officers of Hamilton Council assumed the stations and conferred the degrees upon a candidate. In his address the Grand Master reports the deaths of *P.·.G.·.Ms.·.* HIGBY and QUINTARD. He is not satisfied with a net gain of 189 during the year, reports a few dispensations and some visits to Councils. The other Grand Officers made reports of visits, etc. *P.·.G.·.M.·.*BARLOW presents the Report on Correspondence. Under Illinois he quotes Companion WARVELLE'S question—"Is not a demitted Master Mason in good standing"? and answers "Not in Chapter or Commandery," and we must add, not in the Lodge, after six months, according to California law.

Under Pennsylvania he quotes Companion LYTE'S unique plan to gain Council members, viz., to add the Council fee to that of the Chapter. Then when the R. A. Degree is conferred a warrant for the amount of the fee is drawn in favor of the Council, and the Companion can take the degrees or not, as he may see fit.

Companion BARLOW gives over two pages, compliments Companion BISHOP'S report, but corrects him in the matter of Connecticut's place among the Grand Councils, claiming fifth instead of eighth.

He does not like the "Georgia plan," and so far we have found no one that does—has pronounced views on the Colorado question, advises North Carolina to work as well as pray—criticises the communication of degrees in Washington, and rejoices over Wisconsin's resurrection.

In short it is a model report, and we hope to profit by it in many ways.

There are in this jurisdiction twenty-two Chapters and 3,380 members.

CHARLES A. JONES, Hartford, Grand Master, JAMES MCCORMICK, Hartford, Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

1903.

The Sixtieth Annual Assembly met in the City of Macon April 28, 1903, all the Grand Officers except the Grand Principal Conductor of the Works being present. Past Grand Masters GRAHAM and DAVIS with the representatives of twenty-four Councils completed the Grand Council.

The Grand Master read a lengthy but very interesting address. He recapitulates the many reasons we have for thankfulness, and especially compares the Empire State of the South, its climate and productions, with others less favored. We are glad he feels so happy—contentment is a great blessing—but if he should pass a year in California he would sing a different song. While he considers visitations to Chapters of great benefit, yet he deputed that duty to Grand Lecturers in each Congressional District. Result—failure, only one of the Grand Lecturers making any report whatever. We believe that if the Grand Master had gone forth among the Councils, bearing precious seed, he would have returned rejoicing, bearing sheaves of new Councils and new members with him. That has been our experience.

He decided that a Companion can remain in good standing in Council while demitted in Lodge and Chapter, but the Grand Chapter would not support this, proclaimed the law of dependent membership. Grand Master unearthed several antiquities—an old letter from Washington, etc.

He makes a number of recommendations—some of them very good. The ninth is the "Georgia plan," or receiving members directly from the Blue Lodge. Most of the jurisdictions whose proceedings we have reviewed mention the receipt of his circular letter, one or two quote it entire, but in none do we find that it had a favorable reception. No mention is made of it in our (California) proceedings of 1903.

He gives an interesting account of early Masonry in Georgia, showing that the high degrees were conferred in the Lodge; quotes in full the charter of incorporation of the Grand Lodge, and gives it as his opinion that the Colony was first established as a Masonic Home.

With such an address we do not feel the lack of a Report on Correspondence so much as otherwise we would.

There are thirty-two Councils in Georgia with 778 members.

ROBERT L. GOLDING, Savanah, Grand Master, W. A. WOLIHIN, Macon, Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

1903.

The Annual Assembly was held at Mark Masons Hall, Great Queen Street, London, March 12, 1903, just one-half of the Grand Officers being present.

There was no address by the Grand Master. The Grand Reporter reported fifty-eight new members, being more than double the increase of last year. In all this great jurisdiction, with Councils in India and Africa as well as England and Wales, there are but 1,030 Select Masons—less than our own number. The death of the Grand Treasurer was announced.

The session was short, sweet and not fatiguing, as four not closely printed pages gives a full report. The Grand Master appoints all the other officers.

THE EARL OF EUSTON, Grand Master, CHAS. F. MATIER, Mark Masons Hall, Great Queen Street, London, Grand Recorder.

Twenty-nine Councils scattered far and wide, 1,030 members.

ILLINOIS.

1903.

The Fifty-first Assembly was held in the City of Chicago October 28, 1903. Present, all the Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand Masters and the representatives of thirty-eight Councils.

The opening prayer of the Grand Chaplain is printed in the proceedings. Grand Master reported a busy year. He discovered that several Councils were in the habit of simply obligating the candidates in the R. M. & S. M. degrees, and then conferring the Superexcellent in full form, we presume a band of Assyrians swooping down "like a wolf on the fold." He therefore issued an edict forbidding the conferring of the Superexcellent degree on the same evening that the other degrees are conferred. He recommends "That so long as the Grand Council does not recognize or control the Superexcellent degree the Bible shall be left out of the work." We presume this means that it shall not be upon the Altar. It seems to us that carrying out this recommendation

by the Grand Council, as well as the Grand Master's edict just mentioned, is both "recognizing and controlling" the degree. Perhaps like unruly boys the Assyrians get beyond *control*, which fact the Grand Master may be loth to *recognize*. Grand Council, however, did not agree with the Grand Master and the Bible stays.

The Report on Correspondence is by the renowned WARVELLE, and is very interesting. Feeling that "Little children should be seen and not heard," in the presence of the aged, we approach it timorously. Yet we will thank him for his ten-line notice of California, 1902.

In his comment, under Colorado, as to the demission of Council officers he has California's unanimous support. His notes on Legitimacy —Cryptic Nomenclature—The Bath—Kol Broken Triangle, etc., are well worth reading, and only want of space prevents our making quotations.

There are in Illinois fifty-two Councils and 3,269 members.

A. M. HALLOWELL, Jacksonville, Grand Master. GIL. W. BARNARD, Chicago, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

1903.

The forty-eighth annual meeting of this Grand Council was held in the City of Indianapolis October 20, 1903. All but one of the Grand Officers were present, as were seventeen Past Grand Masters and the representatives of all the seventy-four Councils.

The Grand Master reported a prosperous condition of affairs. He issued two dispensations for new Councils. Feeling reference was made to the distinguished dead and memorial pages ordered placed in the Proceedings. Companion MORDHURST gives us thirty-six pages of interesting matter, reviewing the proceedings of thirty Grand Councils. Under California he asks Companion BISHOP to tell where the "Old Regulation" forbidding officers to resign or demit is to be found. Not on this side of the Sierras—for California in all her Grand Bodies has always permitted resignation at any time, and that a demit is the right of any Brother Companion or Sir Knight who is square on the books. Companion MORDHURST finds nothing of interest on the Whittlings of the Barlow Knife, and severely criticises the queer notions of the Grand Master of Georgia, especially his position regarding the making of Cryptic Masons at sight. He acknowledges, however, that Companion BROWN has infused *Ginger* into the work of the S. V., and has given many good texts for correspondents to preach from. We will not interfere with his affair with Companion WARVELLE, on whom he draws the deadly parallel, but we would recommend all Companions to

read his report on Illinois. Companion WARVELLE gets back on him by calling names and warning the Illinois Companions not to let the "Blasted Hoosiers" get ahead of them.

Under Massachusetts Companion MORDHURST thinks it difficult to confer the S. E. degree without levity. Now, believing as we do, that Masonry is one of God's ways of communicating religious knowledge, we see no reason for levity in any degree. We have conferred the R. A. and the S. E. without any and see no difficulty in so doing. All that is necessary is to call the attention of the Companion to the real nature of the degree and the lesson it is intended to teach. Even the P. M. in "long form" can be conferred without the slightest breach of decorum. Confusion and perplexity do not necessitate ungentlemanly or unmasonic conduct.

He asks *what part* of the Scottish Rite were the Cryptic degrees, as claimed by the Grand Master of Ohio and others. No part, Companion MORDHURST, but the Inspectors General thirty-third degree conferred the degrees, and the first Grand Councils, except perhaps New York, were chartered by the Southern Supreme Council.

JOSEPH I. SCHUHMACHER, Anderson, Grand Master, CAL. W. PRATHER, Indianapolis, Grand Recorder.

Seventy-four Councils, 3,357 members.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

The Grand Council of Indian Territory assembled in the Scottish Rite Hall in Guthrie, Oklahoma, April 15, 1903. Three of the principal officers have "as" before their names. Three Past Grand Masters were present and the representatives of eight Councils.

The Grand Master appears to have been unusually active, and seems to think that when the question of one or two states is settled, Cryptic Masonry will have a boom.

Exactly one-third of the volume is occupied by portraits, and we agree with Companion WARVELLE that they are fine looking specimens of the noble Red Men. We especially greet Companion MURROW, who is simply *it* in the Masonry of the Aborigines, and who, after eight years' faithful service as Grand Recorder, has been advanced to the position of Grand Master. Companion ROBT. Y. MORRISON, of Atoka, takes his place as Grand Recorder.

Five of the nine Councils report 150 members.

IOWA.

1903.

The Fourth Annual Assembly met in the City of Oskaloose September 2, 1903. The Grand Principal Conductor of the Works was absent on account of sickness, and a telegram of sympathy was sent him. Two other officers were absent; no excuse mentioned. The Past Grand Masters and the representatives of nine Councils were present, making enough for laborers in each Arch.

The ambition of the Grand Master was to place the Rite just one step higher, and we should judge that he has succeeded.

The intelligence and peacefulness of the B. B. are shown by the lack of business reported by the Committee on Grievances and Jurisprudence.

Companion CLEVELAND writes a lively report on correspondence, just such a one as is fitting for a young and vigorous jurisdiction.

He notices everything that is going on, and has positive opinions on all subjects. He is complimentary toward California, and thinks Companion BISBEE a man after his own heart. We are doing fairly well, Companion CLEVELAND, but not so well as we ought. Still, when Iowa has as many Council members in proportion to Blue Lodge membership as we have, a special large hall will be required for Grand Council meetings. Companion CLEVELAND shares our wonder as to the status of the Companions greeted in the Grand Council of Arkansas.

Years ago we made thirty-second degree Masons every year in the Grand Consistory. Often they were never more heard of. The annual attendance was small and dues unpaid, and though strong on paper we were really weak. Then we adopted home rule; dissolved the Grand Consistory and since then have done our work at home with the very best results. Under Georgia he says, "She has no report or correspondence. Perhaps so long as Julius L. Brown is on the floor of the Grand Council she needs none." He is an excellent "substitute therefor." Under Illinois, he pronounces WARVELLE'S attempt to be facetious feeble and pronounces him a failure as a comedian. Whew! The next report from Illinois will have to be printed on asbestos paper. Companion CLEVELAND'S conclusion should be acted upon, not only by every correspondent, but by every council member. He says, "Let the correspondent of every Grand Council throughout the land take an optimistic view of the future, and we will all be surprised, as was the Christian in "Pilgrim's Progress," to realize how quickly apparently unsurmountable obstacles will disappear from our pathway. Concert of action upon our part will exert such an influence upon the great

body of Cryptic Masons that our order will command that respect, if not the official recognition of the other Masonic bodies that it deservedly merits.

CHAS. O. GREEVER, Des Moines, Grand Master; ALF. WINGATE, Des Moines, Grand Recorder.

Sixteen Councils, 734 members.

KENTUCKY.

1902-1903.

The Grand Council was opened in Ancient Form in the City of Louisville October 20, 1902. We find nothing to inform us of the age of this Grand Council, but as it was opened in *Ancient Form*, presume it dates back to Daniel Boone. All the Grand Officers were present, with seventeen Past Grand Masters and representatives from eleven Councils. In a half-page address the Grand Master says that he has nothing to do, and seems to think that a healthy state of affairs. Perhaps so, yet if the Grand Master had done a great deal there might have been results. However, the Grand Recorder has been busy and gives us a lively report. California 1902 comes in for a full page of commendatory notice.

Grand Council met again in Louisville October 19, 1903, with all the Grand Officers present and seventeen Past Grand Masters. These Past Grand Masters appear to keep up their interest in the Rite, as they are nearly all of them present at every roll call.

As was the case the last year, eleven Councils sent representatives. The Grand Master this year probably looked for work and reports that he found plenty. He had one sad duty to perform, in reporting the death of Companion J. W. STATON. Not only has Kentucky lost a faithful Mason, but the Correspondence Circle misses one of its brightest lights, and for this year there is no report.

The Grand Master says: "Justice is a Masonic virtue—and it is not justice when the good prompt members must pay the entire expenses of the Lodge, Chapter or Council." So say we all of us.

Twenty Councils report 916 members, which would indicate plenty of work for future Grand Masters.

GREY BARRETT, Frankfort, Grand Master, H. B. GRANT, Louisville, Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

1903.

The Grand Council of Kansas met in its Thirty-fifth Annual Assembly in the City of Wichita February 16, 1903. All the Grand Officers were

present with eight Past Grand Masters and eight Councils were represented. In his address the Grand Master laments that the year has been one of retrogression. A small decrease in membership is reported. The Georgia plan, the new Pennsylvania plan and pre-requisition are mentioned as remedies for the falling off. Each, the Grand Master thinks, has merit, but he believes that "the secret of the Ninth Arch will richly repay the knowledge-seeking Companion for his labor," and that work is needed to interest the Companions of the Chapter in what they already possess, that they may desire to complete that knowledge. Companion WAITE defends the General Grand Council and believes it was created for some wise purpose, but he does not explain what that purpose is.

He says under Washington: "The Grand Council has power to grant charters to new Councils and to *assign their limits* without the consent or recommendation of the nearest Council." The italics are his, and probably indicate his comment, unspoken. Yet the power, if wisely used, might be beneficial in a jurisdiction like Washington, where hundreds of miles intervene between towns and cities.

FORREST E. BARKER, Worcester, Grand Master, J. GILMAN WAITE, Boston, Grand Recorder.

Twenty-seven Councils, 6,547 members.

MICHIGAN.

1903.

Grand Council met in its forty-fifth annual session in the City of Detroit January 19, 1903. Present, all the Grand Officers except Captain of Guard. Fourteen Past Grand Masters answered the roll call, as did all the representatives of eighteen Councils. The Grand Master reported a healthy growth in nearly all the Councils, and says: "Nothing will so much add to the growth of the Cryptic Rite as official visits by the Grand Officers. * * * Were I to serve you as Grand Master another year, I should certainly endeavor to visit as many Councils as possible," etc. It is wonderful with what unanimity Grand Masters reach this conclusion at the end of their term. What a pity they are not of the same opinion at its beginning. Companion H. S. MAYNARD presented a report on obituaries which is a model. He says: "We desire to contemplate for a moment the glory of passing from this world to the Great Beyond, crowned with the love, respect and esteem of Brethren and Friend. These tried servants of God do not skulk out of this life, but with garlands of glory crowning their heads at a ripe age they move forward in radiance and luster, a majestic phalanx to

enter the realms of endless bliss. Who does not desire to emulate their virtues and enjoy a like destiny?"

Both the Grand Master and Companion MAYNARD expressed their sympathy with the Grand Recorder in his bereavement. The latter says: "The influence of her beautiful spirit will still pervade the walls of his home, and its gentle presence will linger beside him all the days of his life." Little did they imagine that in less than three months Companion CONOVER would be called to join his beloved "up higher."

Some of the members of Grand Council found fault because rituals of the S. E. were in the possession of Companions who have not received the degree, and of Councils which never work it. No action was taken on the subject.

Companion CONOVER reviews the proceedings of twenty-seven Councils. California gets over two pages. He speaks of meeting Grand Master SCARBOROUGH at Los Angeles, and quotes liberally from his address. He justly criticises Connecticut's "invitational visitations" and the Georgia plan, and under Illinois quotes Companion WARVELLE'S strictures on some of Michigan's proposed new departures. As he makes no comment we presume he assents—and we certainly do. He also quotes much from Companion SPEED, of Mississippi, whose utterances are full of meaning.

JOHN H. KINGLEY, Manchester, Grand Master; ....., Grand Recorder.

Fifty-seven Councils, 4,801 members.

LOUISIANA.

1903.

The Grand Council of Louisiana held its Forty-eighth Annual Assembly in the City of New Orleans February 5, 1903. Three of the Grand Officers were missing. Five Past Grand Masters and the representatives of four Councils answered to roll call.

Grand Master ALFRED seems to feel that preparing an address is an irksome task, which he would like to avoid, but, remembering that "Masonry is duty" he braces up and gives a model report of his doing. He had visited most of the Chapters, organized two and organized one that had fallen asleep. No decision had been called for, few dispensations issued and no grievances appeared; in fact a pleasant state of affairs, the only drawback being the smallness of the happy family. Perhaps had there been more members, such peaceful calm might not have reigned. Yet the larger Grand Councils seems to enjoy the same state of affairs. Evidently the B. B. of the Cryptic Rite go outside

of the Councils to fight their battles, or else the teachings of the degree are such that no spirit of discord ever arises among them. Let us hope that this last is the case.

Having little to say concerning home affairs, the Grand Master quotes Grand Master BROWN'S letters, Charter, etc., verbatim, and recommends the Georgia plan for "careful consideration." The committee appointed therein reported practically that every tub should stand on its own bottom, and offered a resolution that the Grand Council do not approve the scheme of the Grand Master of Georgia. Which resolution was adopted.

The dissemination of the work was left to the discretion of the Grand Master and $125 was appropriated to enable him to disseminate. He reports that all foreign relations are in a beautific state, and we suppose that is the reason of no report on correspondence, for we know that Companin LAMBERT is eminently qualified to write one, and would be glad of the chance. He ought to be made to earn his magnificent salary.

There are seven Councils with a membership of 289. As the new Councils are numbered 16 and 17 it is evident that this Grand Council has seen better days. Numerically at least, if not in other respects. Companion JOHN S. ALFORD, New Orleans, was re-elected Grand Master; Companion RICHARD LAMBERT, New Orleans, Grand Recorder.

Several of the Grand Officers made liberal promises for the future, which, if not of the "pie crust" kind, will probably result in a better showing next year. Kansas has a list of members at large, paying dues directly to Grand Council. Suppose all should do this. They are worth just $1 a piece to Grand Council. How much to the Rite in general? The Companions at least are not quarrelsome, for the Committee on Grievances reports no business.

The Report on Correspondence by Companion W. M. SHAVER is in the most regular form of the whole lot. We will wager that he is a first-class bookkeeper. He gives California 1902 a page and a half and finds no cause of censure. How could he when Companion BISBEE was at the head of affairs, and the present writer, the only naughty boy of the lot, was studying Cryptic lore in the tombs of Rameses? Much of Companion SHAVER'S interesting report is devoted to a defense of certain peculiar Kansas methods which other correspondents have freely criticised. He endorses the "New Mississippi plan"—that of having a Grand Lecturer cojointly with the Grand Chapter, who shall visit every Council at least once a year—oftener if advisable—and hold schools of instruction. We believe it would benefit Kansas to adopt it.

WM. C. F. REICHENBACH, Topeka, Grand Master. WM. M. SHAVER, Topeka, Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND.

1900-1901-1902.

We have received the proceedings of this Grand Chapter in one volume for the years 1900-1901 and 1902. Hereafter we shall expect them every year, as a recommendation to that effect was adopted. Having little else to say, the short address of the Grand Masters for each year are principally devoted to Necrology.

The Grand Council, however, is alive, as eleven Councils report 736 members in 1902.

COLUMBUS C. ISAACS, Baltimore, Grand Master, JAMES W. BOWERS, Baltimore, Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

1903.

Grand Council met in its Forty-ninth Annual Assembly in the City of Portland May 6, 1903. All the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters and the representatives of thirteen Councils being present.

The Grand Master delivered a lengthy address, much of which referred to the loss sustained by the entire Masonic Fraternity in the death of Companion J. H. DRUMMOND, who, next to Companion PIKE, was the greatest of Masons. He belonged not to Maine only, but to the Masonic world. He also referred to Companions BURNHAM and SEYMOUR, who passed away since the last Grand Council. These brothers have lived and labored and the result is seen in the prosperity and the high character of the Masonic bodies of their State.

Grand Master and his associates visited all the Councils and brought up good reports. The Grand Bodies of Maine issue Certificates of Possession to their subordinates, which obviate the necessity of having the Charter present at meetings. These can be kept in safes or vaults, secure from danger of fire. This seems to be a sensible idea.

The report on Correspondence is by Companion ALBRO. E. CHASE, who gives two pages to California 1902. He says that Companion BISHOP believes in the "Old Regulation" that an officer cannot demit or resign. Somebody asked Companion BISHOP the date of this "Regulation" and its author, and BISHOP is still seeking.

California Grand Bodies have always acknowledged the right of a member or officer to resign or demit at pleasure. Companion CHASE'S report is extremely interesting, and covers all the matters discussed by the Correspondence Circle. He has said so well just what we were going to say on every topic that we fear to be charged with plagiarism.

WM. F. LORD, Auburn, Grand Master, STEPHEN BERRY, Portland, Grand Recorder.

Seventeen Councils, 3,057 members.

MASSACHUSETTS.

1902.

There were two special assemblies during the year for the purpose of exemplifying the work, one at Springfield February 22, and the other at Roxbury October 31. These were well attended by officers and members of surrounding Councils, and the work is reported as having been perfectly done. The Seventy-seventh Annual Assembly was held in the City of Boston December 10, 1902. Most of the Grand Officers were present, only three Past Grand Masters and twenty-two Councils were represented. The reports of Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer were first on hand. The numerical and financial condition of the Councils was reported as good. Grand Master then read a long but interesting address. He had visited all of the Councils officially, beside fraternal visits too numerous to mention, and thinks much benefit is derived from the official exemplification of the work. Our Councils are so far apart that we cannot visit each other as we would like, and it requires many hundred miles to travel for the Grand Master to visit each Council once.

The Report on Correspondence by Companion J. G. WAITE is full and able. He gives California 1902 a good notice and quotes liberally from Companion BISHOP'S wise sayings.

Under Connecticut he says: "The matter of inspection of subordinate Councils still holds to the traditional custom of waiting to be invited to do a duty." If a *duty* it should be done promptly without invitation. But perhaps it does not become a duty till the invitation is received.

Under Minnesota he takes occasion to defend the custom of having duplicate charters or certificates. He says: "Original charters * * * were signed by men whose names are like household words, and the issuance of a duplicate does not replace the original in that respect."

Under Vermont he says regarding a criticism of the S. E. degree: "We must still claim for the degree its symbolism, and that the ritual admits of no such interpretation as has been described, * * * all the nonsense and horse-play which have crept into the Capitular and Cryptic Rites are due to the lack of force in grand and subordinate officers, to the lack of administrative ability in both, and to a lack of a proper conception of the lesson portrayed in the work, which should be taught the candidate without offence to his keenest sensibilities."

More than thirty years' continuous experience on the floor and in the East of every legitimate Masonic body has taught us that horse-play and nonsense have no proper place therein, and that a candidate can, and should be, conducted from the door of the E. A. Lodge to the Altar of the Thirty-third Degree and the Triangle of the Temple without the slightest experience, physical or mental, which would tend to lower his estimate of the high and holy lessons intended to be taught. Masonry teaches our duties toward God and man, and should increase our love and respect for both and never ought to be turned into a circus for the amusement of spectators.

MICHIGAN.

1904.

The Forty-sixth Assembly of the Grand Council of Michigan was held in the City of Lansing January 18, 1904, all the Grand Officers being present, with fourteen Past Grand Masters and the representatives of fifty-two Councils. The Grand Master in his address takes a roseate view of the future of Masonry and of the human race. If he has ever discerned the "trail of the serpent" he fails to mention it.

He has never noticed that wealth or station command more attention, if not respect, in the Lodge or Council than does honest worth in humble garb.

The fact that the feasts of certain so-called "higher degrees" are better attended than those of the Lodge has never been observed by him.

The rich and poor, the high and the low, the scholar and the uneducated, the official and the humble citizen all meet upon the level and receive just the recognition that each deserves, honesty, ability and true worth being the only standard.

We have been in Michigan and have met many worthy companions there, but never imagined that we were quite so near Heaven.

The glorious climate of California doesn't nurture such angelic beings. "*We* are all *poor creatures.*" No wonder he enjoyed his many visits to the Councils. He gives a hint of what we might become if we would follow his suggestion to invite the ladies to our banquets. That is what we have always wanted but dared not suggest it. The Brethren have for a long time considered us as heretical, but now when the Grand Master of such a jurisdiction as Michigan makes a proposition of this kind we second the motion with a loud Amen.

Bring in the ladies—to the Red Cross banquets and every other one—and we will see an approach toward the beautific Masonry of Michigan.

While the Grand Master finds himself forbidden to grant a dispensation for a Council to meet in another city than that in which it is located, he knows no *reason* why a Master may not take his Charter and officers to any place within the jurisdiction of his Council, and there confer the degrees. Neither do we, but sometimes a *law* is found where there is no reason.

He is especially eloquent in the necrological department of his address, and bears a touching tribute to the virtues of the late Grand Recorder, Companion J. S. CONOVER.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER, who succeeds to the office of his lamented father. As we receive this number of the Proceedings just as we go to press we find that we have under other heads noticed all the principal matters of interest. He gives California 1903 a complimentary notice and speaks of our trouble about offices in the Temple. California has grown, but the Temple is no larger than it was forty years ago, so we have been obliged to *swarm*, and part of us have sought other and more spacious quarters. He quotes freely from G. M. BROWN, of Georgia though not endorsing his doctrines; hints at the WARVELLE-MORDHURST feud, but being young like ourselves keeps at a reasonable distance from the combatants. Like all of us, he sympathizes with the efforts of Kansas to awaken interest and calls the resolution to "Modify the penalties of the R. & S. M. degree" "Peculiar to say the least."

We think if the penalties were strictly executed when deserved that "interest" would be aroused, and not in Kansas alone.

DALLAS D. ALTON, Fremont, Grand Master, CHARLES A. CONOVER, Clearwater, Grand Recorder.

Fifty-eight Councils, 5,130 members.

MINNESOTA.

1903.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Session of the Grand Council of Minnesota met in the City of Minneapolis October 12, 1903. All Grand Officers present except G. MARSHALL. There were also in attendance thirteen Past Grand Masters and the representatives of seven Councils.

The Grand Master congratulated Grand Council on the election of Companion SWANSTROM as General Grand Master. He reports little business, but what was done appears to have been much enjoyed. Duties were a pleasure, Eastern Star banquets included. They are all right, as we well know, having attended 150 of them in one year, coming out in good health at the end.

Concerning the anxiety that so many Grand Masters exhibit because the Council is not taken under the wing of the Grand Encampment, he says: "Cryptic Masonry does not need or desire great numbers—it wants and needs only the noble Adonirams who possess zeal and genuine worth. * * * We are willing to share the beauties of these sublime degrees with the select, the worthy and the faithful only." Grand Recorder MONTGOMERY submitted the Report on Correspondence. He gives California a full page and approves Companion BISHOP'S idea of dropping the demand for "prerequisition" and going to work with sleeves rolled up.

Companion BISHOP knows what he is talking about. We have in Oakland Council shown what can be done by a little system of prequisition of our own. Instead of inviting *R.·.A.·.Ms.·.* to join the Council before going into the Commandery, we have petitions in their hands when they take the R. A. degree and inform them that they are not yet *R.·.A.·.Ms.·.* and we are assured that they never will be till they have labored in the S. V.

The consequence is we have a council that is one of the most flourishing bodies in the State. Another secret is that the work is of the best and the officers are proud of their achievements. He characterizes Companion BROWN'S address under Georgia as a "remarkable production," which is just what we thought but forgot to say so in our review.

THOS. G. LEE, Minneapolis, Grand Master, THOS. MONTGOMERY, St. Paul, Grand Recorder.

Seven Councils, 742 Members.

MISSISSIPPI.

1903.

The Forty-eighth Annual Assembly met at Biloxi February 17, 1903. Most of the Grand Officers and representatives of twenty-nine Councils were present.

The Grand Master, who presided in the Grand East twenty-seven years before, in his address deplores the loss of the old workers in the Rite, who, with him, founded the General Grand Council especially referring to Companion J. H. DRUMMOND, the first General Grand Master. He was pleased with the work of the Companion who is the Grand Lecturer jointly of Grand Council and Grand Chapter, and thinks it a relaxation to, at times, teach another Ritual than the Chapter. He thinks that Council work loses much of its effect from lack of paraphernalia, in which opinion most of us will agree. He is troubled by the

question of non-affiliates. To us, they are as "heathen men and publicans." In his opinion, if Masons would have prosperity they must open their doors and let in light, and he thinks that star light is attainable. Though he doesn't say so, we take it for granted that he means Eastern Star light; which certainly has the property of destroying the microbe of moral and physical decay in Masonic Bodies.

P. M. SAVEY, Tupelo, Grand Master, FRED SPEED, Vicksburg, Grand Recorder.

Forty-three Councils, 1,227 members.

MISSOURI.

1903.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Assembly met in the city of St. Louis April 22, 1903, all the Grand Officers except two being present, together with twelve Past Grand Masters and the representatives of twelve Councils. Owing to the illness of his wife the Grand Master was unable to be present. His position was filled by the Deputy Grand Master, who read the address. Companion MAYO, General Grand Master, was introduced and received with the appropriate grand honors.

Having been unable to visit any Councils the Grand Master recommends that the amount appropriated for visitations be doubled, that his successor may be enabled to make up for his own enforced neglect of duty. He says, what all of us who have filled the office of Grand Master will know, that correspondence effects little—*usually* nothing—and says he believes a visit to each Council by an active Grand Master would double the membership in a year. He divided the State into fifteen districts with a deputy for each. As there are but fourteen Councils, and two of these in a *shaky* condition, he must expect missionary work to be done by these deputies. The Committee of Returns hauled the Councils over the coals, but from the report we judge they deserve it. It is easier to do work of any kind *well* than to do otherwise—"Lazy people work the hardest." The Home is reported as being in "splendid condition."

Companion MAYO says he has a good time in reading the Proceedings of the Grand Councils, but as he received the mandate to cut it short he uses but two pages—mostly in telling why he didn't do it.

R. F. STEVENSON, Kansas City, Grand Master, WM. H. MAYO, St. Louis, Grand Recorder.

Fourteen Councils, 976 members.

NEBRASKA.

1903.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Assembly was held in the City of Omaha December 16, 1903. Present, all Grand Officers except Chaplain. Also eight Past Grand Masters and representatives from twelve chartered Councils and four under dispensation. Like many others, the Grand Master reported his own short comings, and recommended that the labors of the Grand Master be divided among the other officers in order, we suppose, that his successor may have ample assistance. Then when he states that he has not accomplished nearly all that he intended to do he say say, "There are others." Our Representative Past Grand Master LINIGER, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, reported no business. A Mosaic report on correspondence is presented, the representatives from each State reviewing its Proceedings. These are well written and, taken together, form a better report than many can write. Still the personal element is wanting—there is no one to praise or censure, and none of the reviewers have any opinion of their own which they desire to express.

ARTHUR TRUESDELL, Fremont, Grand Master, FRANCIS E. WHITE, Omaha, Grand Recorder.

Twenty Councils, 699 members.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

1903.

A special assembly was held in the town of Lisbon January 7, 1903, for the purpose of constituting Hiram Council, No. 12. Twenty Companions appeared and the Grand Master constituted the new Council in Ample Form and due proclamation was made thereof, after which the Table Degree was conferred on the Grand Officers at the expense of the Companions of Hiram Council. Next evening the Grand Council was opened in the town of Colebrook and Evening Star Council, No. 13 was constituted with sixteen members. Afterwards a repetition of the degree of the previous evening was had. We presume the Grand Council was glad to go home after such severe labor.

The Forty-second Regular Annual Assembly was opened May 18, 1903, in the City of Concord, all the Grand Officers except Marshal and Steward being present, together with seven Past Grand Masters and the representatives of eleven Councils.

The Grand Master in his address reviews a year of activity and prosperity (somehow these two always appear to go together), and he

bespeaks the aid of the Companions to "keep it up" until every Royal Arch Mason shall complete his circle of Masonic knowledge in the S. V. He bears testimony to the worth of a number of departed Companions, and reports being present at the laying of the corner stone of the Home on July 8, 1902, and its dedication May 11, 1903. "This event," he says, "completed one of the grandest triumphs of success in our Masonic history, a visible landmark of our charity."

We wish every Grand Master could present as flattering a report of the condition of his jurisdiction. Numerous visits were made by the Deputy Grand Master and the Principal Conductor of the Works, all of which goes to show that if Councils are stirred up by visits of Grand Officers the effect will be like stirring the soil deeply and often—a good crop is sure. All the committee reported a favorable state of affairs, plenty of funds and no disputes or quarrels. New aprons were ordered for the Past Grand Master, showing that the "has beens" are not forgotten.

Companion WOODBURY, Grand Recorder, submits the Report on Correspondence. We find that we have noted most of the questions of interest in his review under other states. In his conclusion he strikes a blow at the use of initials, thinking that a Companion who has labored until he has reached the Grand Master's chair ought to have the courtesy extended to him of using his full name. Besides he don't like the name "Cryptic Rite," says it gives him a solar plexus to hear the degrees called a "Rite." We believe that the Masonic definition of the word Rite is a "series of arrangement of degrees." Now if the Lodge on the one hand and the Commandery on the other refuse to acknowledge us a part of their series, we must be a Rite of our own, notwithstanding our desire to the contrary.

JOSEPH BRODIE SMITH, Manchester, Grand Master, FRANK D. WOODBURY, Concord, Grand Recorder.

Thirteen Councils, 1,702 members.

NEW JERSEY.

1903.

The Forty-fifth Annual Assembly met in the City of Trenton March 10, 1903. All the Grand Officers except Steward were present, with thirteen Past Grand Masters and the representatives of five Councils. Companion KNOPH, California's representative, was on hand.

The Grand Master reported that owing to the change in the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge there was no quorum present on January 27, the time when the annual assembly of Grand Council should have

been held. Consequently he had issued a call for a meeting on this date to transact the regular business. He reports issuing a large number of dispensations, chiefly to receive and ballot upon petitions at the same meeting. That is our regular method of procedure, and thereby we save the time and temper of the Grand Master. He appears to have done a great deal of visiting, which may account for the reported prosperity. Grand Master regretted that ill health compelled the retirement of Companion BECHTEL, who for twenty-three years has served the Grand Council as Grand Recorder.

The Constitution was amended so as to change the time of meeting in accordance with the action of Grand Lodge.

Companion CHAS. BELCHER presents Report on Correspondence. California occupies the first page. Like many other reviewers he quotes Companion SCARBOROUGH'S views on religion and Masonry. These are sound enough to be read and accepted by all good Masons whithersoever dispersed. He calls WARVELLE a "free lance," then changes the metaphor and predicts that he will come out on the top or bottom of a rolling ball. So long as we are well out of the way of ball and lance we will be willing to "absorb the good" with Companion BELCHER. Under New York he advises Companion OSGOODBY to "open his great big heart, and using the mantle of Masonic charity espouse the cause of the much abused Companions." Not having yet heard what G. G. C. has done in the matter of the Colorado dispute, we can agree with him without committing treason, but if he had heard the remarks once made in our Grand Lodge about Masonic charity's mantle and the interesting and fragrant things it is used to cover, he would be chary of speaking about it. In concluding he says: "Why not try deeds instead of words?" Well, some have tried it with best results. Witness our own Grand Council! Good-bye, New Jersey. In our salad days we taught a country school there and memories of moonlight sleigh rides and pretty girls still remain.

HIRAM E. DEATS, Flemington, Grand Master, JOHN B. BERTHOLF, Jersey City, Grand Recorder.

Seven Councils, 579 members.

NEW YORK.

1903.

This Ancient Grand Council held its Ninety-fourth Annual Assembly in the City of New York August 25, 1903. Present, all but one of the Grand Officers, nine Past Grand Masters and representatives from twenty-two Councils. Also our representative, Companion BARBER.

The Grand Master welcomed the Grand Council, reported many dispensation some visits and no decisions. Peace, harmony and moderate prosperity prevail. The amendment to the Constitution changing the name to "Cryptic Masons" was rejected. Membership in Lodge and Chapter was made obligatory.

Companion OSGOODBY presents a voluminous Report on Correspondence which he calls *Foreign*. Why, we don't know, as only England and Wales are outside the United States. His introductory has the true Anglo-Saxon ring. Work, hustle, get up and do things are his text, and his short sermon thereon is to the point. Moreover, he practices what he preaches. Witness his unearthing Alabama, Florida and Texas, whom all the rest of us supposed dead or in a catalepsy. He finds that Alabama held a meeting in 1902 and has 300 members—that Florida is a live and prosperous body and that the Texans are creeping from under the wing of Grand Chapter and commencing to scratch for themselves. California 1903 gets three pages. He quotes Companion BISHOP'S opinion concerning the demission and resignation of officers. We have spoken of this before. Whether or no there was such an Ancient Regulation, we cannot say—certainly it never crossed the Rockies. With us it is Free Will—either in entering or leaving. The same subject is treated under Colorado. He copies entire the old Charter, granted by the Grand Lodge of Georgia in 1786 to GEORGE HANDLEY. This shows that Grand Lodge at that time claimed dominion over the Chapter degrees, and a degree called the Red Cross. He is bold enough to say that the Grand Encampment is not a Masonic body. There are others of the same opinion.

Under Illinois he points to Grand Master CARLOCK as one worthy of all imitation, and one fully entitled to the name GRAND MASTER. He agrees with WARVELLE that conferring degrees at sight by the Grand Master is a vice, and goes one better calling it a *bad* vice.

Under Maine he speaks of the Council as the highest body of the York Rite—yet under Nebraska he quotes the resolution of the Grand Commandery of that State, viz.:

"The American system of Masonry is founded upon progressive steps * * * until the system is completed when the candidate receives the order of Malta," and makes no comment. Which is right? He approves as we do the decisions of the Grand Master of Ohio respecting the rights of Chapter-made Companions. Be easy with them; they could not help themselves. Soon the few small factories now in existence will close their doors and the supply will cease.

We would like to appropriate Companion OSGOODBY'S conclusion for our own, it is so interesting and instructive, but we might be found out.

JOHN R. GARDNER, New York, Grand Master, GEORGE VAN VLIET, New York, Grand Recorder.

Thirty Councils, 4,694 members.

NORTH CAROLINA.

1903.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Assembly was held in the City of Wilmington June 18, 1903. Present, all the Grand Officers and P G. M. SOUTHGATE, with the representatives of all the five Councils.

The Grand Master asks if each Companion has done his duty, and hints that success is but the aggregate of single labors. He rejoices over the small gain of seventeen members, which we must confess is much better than nothing. He notices the death of several Companions, and especially mentions the Great Law-giver, Companion DRUMMOND. He disapproves the Georgia Plan, but gives Companion BROWN'S circular letter at length.

Four of the five Councils required a dispensation for one reason or other, but we note that the Council specially mentioned for good work was the one that asked no favors. Grand Master decided that a R. A. M. who was elected to receive his degrees in the Chapter while the Council degrees were conferred therein, was not now entitled to them without petition and ballot.

A special committee opposed the Georgia Plan; indeed, more notice was taken of it in North Carolina than in any other Grand Council. All the Grand Officers were re-elected. Companion SOUTHGATE reviews the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils. California, 1902, gets a page. He quotes Companion SCARBOROUGH'S conclusion and thinks Companion BISHOP'S half-page notice was all the Tar Heels deserved. As BISHOP'S successor we think you deserve all you get and perhaps more. He thinks, under Illinois, that the General Grand Council should settle the status of Chapter-made Cryptic Masons. We don't see how that would effect Illinois or Connecticut, who do not acknowledge its authority.

Under New York he throws half a brick at Companion OSGOODBY, who severely criticises Grand Master LIDDELL for delivering extempore addresses in 1900 and 1901, saying that those addresses were so eloquent and inspiring, that their effect was to pull the old North State out of the Slough of Despond and give her a new start. Though Companion SOUTHGATE writes a fine report, his last sentence in his best. We quote: "We are going to wake up from our snoring all day long and arise to a new life." Do so and keep moving!

A. B. ANDREWS, JR., Raleigh, Grand Master; JAMES C. MUNDS, Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

1903.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Assembly met in the City of Akron October 13, 1903. Though this is the largest Grand Council in the world, flourishing like a green Bay tree, yet it is unable to open itself. We note that a Council of R. & S. Masons was opened by the officers of Akron Council, No. 80, after which the officers of the Grand Council assumed their stations and the Grand Council was declared open. All the Grand Officers and thirteen Past Grand Masters were present, with the representatives of fifty-nine Councils.

The Grand Master gave a review of his year's work. A few dispensations were issued and as many refused. From his reasons given we should say that he acted wisely in each instance. Dispensations are *sometimes* necessary, but the fewer the better.

Ohio Masonic bodies are more courteous to each other than we are. Grand Master reports that he visited Grand Lodge and was received with honors due to his exalted position. We imagine our Grand Lodge admitting for an instant that there could possibly be an exalted, or any other kind of Masonic position outside the three degrees. Grand Council also welcomed with honors the Grand High Priest, the Junior Grand Warden, two Past Grand Commanders of Templars and a Past General Grand Master. Thirty pages are occupied by the report of the Trustee of Grand Council on the Masonic Home.

Everything appears to be going on all right. A half-tone of the building appears. The Committee on Grievances state that "not a wave of trouble rolls" across this great jurisdiction. Ohio has a Committee on Good of the Order, who report such a blessed state of affairs, that they can suggest no improvement. Even the Obituary Committee partake of the general exuberance, and dwell on the joys into which the departed have entered than on the sorrow felt for their loss. May the time soon come when every jurisdiction shall be as prosperous and happy as Ohio.

Companion W. M. CUNNINGHAM has an introductory in which he sees noting but success for the Cryptic Rite, and says that the Grand Council of Ohio is the peer of any Masonic body—"highland or lowland, far or near." Good for MARMION CUNNINGHAM! He gives California nearly three pages of his sixty-four and quotes liberally from Companion BISHOP'S good advice. He criticises Companion TUCKER, Grand Master of Colorado, because he seems to think that the "Council of R. & S. M. are not on a parity with other Masonic bodies." Perish the thought! It is the Templar Order that is missing something.

when it receives members not fully instructed in Ancient Masonry. Companion CUNNINGHAM'S report is so interesting that we feel like adopting it as a whole and burning up what we have written. The half-tone of Grand Master JEWETT PALMER reminds us much of our Grand Recorder, Companion W. A. DAVIES.

JOHN F. LANE, Conneaut, Grand Master, WM. E. EVANS, Chillicothe, Grand Recorder.

Fifty-nine Councils, 7,105 members.

OREGON.

1903.

The Eighteenth Annual Assembly met in the City of East Portland April 1, 1903. All Grand Officers except Chaplain present. Also four Past Grand Masters and representatives from five Councils. While the Grand Master could not congratulate Grand Council on large accessions to their numbers, he could say that peace, harmony and brotherly love prevailed. People are not apt to quarrel while asleep. We should judge that the most arduous duty he was compelled to perform, was to write his address. Yet he lays down the gavel in well-chosen words as though he had had the burden of 100 Councils on his shoulders. It would seem that the wide-awake State of Oregon might make a better showing. Perhaps it is a sign of progress that the new Grand Master is only a Penumbra, and not a full shadow. Let us hope for sunlight soon.

There is no report on correspondence.

PENUMBRA RELLY, Portland, Grand Master, SETH L. POPE, Portland, Grand Recorder.

Six Councils, 271 members.

PENNSYLVANIA.

1903.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Assembly met in the City of Bradford February 24, 1903. All the Grand Officers were present except the Grand Recorder, who was detained by illness. Seven Past Grand Masters and representatives of fourteen Councils answered the roll call. Companion TAFT, Grand Sentinel, is our representative and was on deck as usual.

Grand Master in his address quotes the resolutions of 1854, "That we regard the degrees of Royal and Select Masters as peculiarly belonging to Ancient York Masonry, and without a perfect knowledge of these degrees the Royal Arch degree is imperfect and incomplete, and

they can be conferred in no other manner than as other regular Masonic degrees and in a Council of Royal and Select Masters." And he enlarges thereon.

He granted dispensations to eight Councils to receive and ballot upon petitions without waiting the usual time. The asking and granting dispensations may serve the purpose of establishing a communication between the Grand Master and the Councils, whereby the latter may know who the Grand Master is and he may recognize the existence of a Council. This may serve a purpose where no visitations are made, and the Grand Officers and Councils are strangers, but when affairs are carried on strenuously, as they should be, it would seem better, that what seems to be the general practice, should be made so by constitutional provision rather than by dispensation. We receive and ballot without delay or dispensation and have seen no evil effect. Any Royal Arch Mason whose character is such that he can hold membership in his Chapter unchallenged is entitled to the degrees, for as the Grand Master quoted above, "without them Royal Arch degree is imperfect and incomplete."

He also reports having asked the Grand Master of North Carolina for the privilege of conferring the S. E. degree on a visitor from that State. When we have visitors who have not had that degree, on evenings when it is conferred, we put them right into the class if they desire it, without charge, as a matter of courtesy, as we do not consider it a regular degree, but one simply permitted by our Grand Council. Companion LYTE, though unable to be present on account of illness, gives a well-written report on correspondence. California, 1902, gets two pages. He quotes liberally from Grand Master SCARBOROUGH and Companion BISHOP.

To Companion WARVELLE he intimates that in spite of their peculiarities the "Pennsylvania Dutch" get there all the same! We suppose in Masonic matters as well as in those more worldly. Their record for 1903 proves his assertion, yet there is still room for work before all worthy Royal Arch Masons are brought into the fold.

LYMAN M. FINNEY, Bradford, Grand Master, JOSHUA L. LYTE, Lancaster, Grand Recorder.

Twenty-one Councils, 2,189 members.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

1903.

The Forty-fourth Annual Assembly met in the City of Charleston February 10, 1903. Several Grand Officers were conspicuous by their absence. Four of the six Councils were represented.

The Grand Master found so little to do that he confessed himself ashamed, and called for that "charity mantle" to be thrown over his shortcomings. Now don't. If you have done a little, well, be thankful—if you have done ill or not at all, that which your hand found to do—confess and repent, but don't, we entreat, put any more strain upon that garment that is stretched to cover so much.

He thinks rightly that the 6,000 Master Masons in the tSate ought to be ashamed of their ignorance of Masonic science, and that they should try to be promoted to the higher grades of the Masonic school. Tnere is no report on correspondence.

JAMES R. JOHNSON, Charleston, Grand Master, ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Charleston, Grand Recorder.

Six Councils, 205 members.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

1904.

The Grand Council of South Carolina met in the City of Charleston in its Forty-fifth Annual Session February 9, 1904. Six of the eleven Grand Officers were present, with representatives from four of the six Councils. Grand Master would fain have made a more favorable report, but his regard for truth prevented, for, while peace and harmony prevail, for some reason there has been no growth. Indeed, while but ten have

Why is this thus? Is it owing to the sterility of the soil, or lack of thorough cultivation?

been greeted in the S. V., the loss has amounted to twenty-two.

Apparently the Companions of South Carolina have, in former times, had use for the much abused "mantle," for the Grand Master calls it "wellworn." Does he mean "well and worthily, or is it kept in the "cedar chest" of which he speaks, because, from long continued and severe usage, it can no longer bear its own weight when hung in the closet? So far as we can judge at this distance, Grand Master had better take off his coat and roll up his sleeves—let the old mantle stay in the chest as a relic of past ages—and get right down to hard work.

Grand Recorder DAVIS gives a report, going outside of mere dry statistics, and shows us what he could do, if the Grand Council would authorize him, to write a review. We rejoice to welcome him into the Circle, and hope that the Grand Council of South Carolina will soon be in a position to warrant his appointment.

No business, except paying bills, was transacted, and the Grand Officers being re-elected, were given an opportunity to "try, try again."

Double your membership this year—you can do it.

JAMES R. JOHNSON, Charleston, Grand Master, ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Charleston, Grand Recorder.

Six Councils, 196 members.

TENNESSEE.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Assembly met in the City of Nashville January 25, 1904, all the Grand Officers being present, with ten Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of fourteen Councils.

We must compliment the Grand Recorder on his promptness in getting out his proceedings, as we received our copy within thirty days of the meeting of the Grand Council. Go ye all and do likewise. Grand Master pays tribute to the dead of his own and other jurisdictions, reports many dispensations and the death of two Councils from senile decay. He had a good time at Little Rock. We confess a little *friendly envy*, because we were unable to share it.

He refused a dispensation to Knoxville Council to go to Coal Creek to confer the degrees, on the ground that it was "out of the line of the usual customs." The Jurisprudence Committee approved all his acts, but disagreed with this conclusion. We confess that we can see no harm in a Council holding a meeting elsewhere within its jurisdiction, if the convenience of a number of Companions would be served.

A modification of the "Arkansas Plan" was referred to the Council for their approval. This provides for conferring the degrees by Grand Council on Companions residing in counties where no Council exists, but requiring such Companions to immediately affiliate with the nearest Council, to which the fee is to be paid. While we see no particular objection to this, it would seem that in most instances, less time and money would be expended in going to the nearest Council than in attending Grand Council, besides giving the Council needed work to do.

The charters of three Councils were arrested.

No report on correspondence.

CHARLES H. GOODLETT, Nashville, Grand Master, WM. A. CLENDENNING, Nashville, Grand Recorder.

Fifteen Councils, 492 members.

VERMONT.

1903.

The Fiftieth Annual Assembly met in the City of Burlington. The Principal Conductor of the Works and Captain of the Guard were present. Four Past Grand Masters and the representatives of sixteen Councils answered the roll call.

Grand Master rejoices that death has not entered the Grand Council during the year, yet remembers the vacancies caused in other jurisdictions. He bought a seal for the use of the Grand Master and presented it to the Grand Council.

During our term of office we performed most of the duties required of a Grand Master, but never missed a seal. Our Grand Recorder put the seal of the Grand Council on all official papers issued by us. So many Councils required dispensations that a seal might have been worn out. Thirteen dispensations issued to ten Councils. Why not issue a "blanket" dispensation at the beginning of the term to cover all possible cases?

The Grand Master and his Deputies visited most of the Councils and found them generally in a prosperous condition. A few were in the dumps. Some have no annual dues, and consequently find themselves in arrears to the Grand Council. Steps were taken to change this state of affairs. The Committee on Grievances reported the usual blissful condition—nothing to do. How peaceful we Cryptics are!

Companion MARSH O. PERKINS gives us one of the liveliest reports of the whole lot. California gets a respectful notice. We do not think there is as much divergence in the opinions of Companions SCARBOROUGH and BISHOP, as he imagines. One emphasizes "prerequisition," the other "work," but each of them would rejoice to see hard work done, and the degrees made compulsory.

The Rite is worthy of our most earnest labors. Companion BISHOP is all right. Work has done wonders in his Council and "prerequisition" is right also. No man should become a Templar until he is a Mason of the York or American Rite, and no one has completed the circle of Ancient Craft Masonry until he has been greeted a Select Master. Awaiting action by the Grand Encampment, Commanderies can enforce the unwritten law, as many of them do. Companions PERKINS and WARVELLE can't agree as to the exact date of the birth of a new Council. We won't quarrel with either. What we want is for strong, healthy Councils to be born and grow into vigorous manhood, whether they count their birthdays from "dispensation" or "constitution."

Under Indiana he indulges in some jointed remarks concerning their action on the General Grand Chapter Ritual. While we are loyal to the General Grand Council, we have our own Ritual, a California production, grown like our oranges, figs and olives, which can be raised nowhere else, and we have never thought of changing it. Under Kansas he criticises the "Degree Team on Wheels" and has a tilt with SHAVER on the birth date question. Speaking of the S. E. Degree under

Maine, he asks, "Can't all the delicacies of the season be had just as well upon the hot sands and among the camel drivers?" Evidently he has never seen the S. E. conferred as it should be—as decorously as the E. A. or the Order of the Temple.

C. L. ROBINSON, Rutland, Grand Master. HENRY H. ROSS, Burlington. Grand Recorder.

Eighteen Councils, 1,268 members.

WISCONSIN.

1903.

The Forty-sixth Annual Assembly met in the City of Milwaukee February 27, 1903. All Grand Officers except Deputy Grand Master present. The Grand Master alluded feelingly to the death of P. G. M. M. L. YOUNG and twenty of the Companions of Wisconsin, as well as to the departed of other jurisdictions. A number of dispensations were issued, most of them for weightier reasons than usual. He made but one official visitation, yet believes that visits by the Grand Master would materially benefit the Rite. Why didn't he exemplify his faith by his works?

A Companion having published a Ritual, the Grand Council made the act a Masonic offense, and immediately took steps to provide each Council with five copies. Evidently Wisconsin does not show her loyalty to the General Grand Council by using its Ritual.

Companion SWAIN presents a brief report on correspondence. Under Arkansas he asks the question that has puzzled us all. "What is the standing of Grand Council made Companions?" We hope we shall have an official answer from Arkansas next year. He gives California a page. Says he don't understand Companion SCARBOROUGH when he advises regarding the degrees as a prerequisite to the Temple. Well, Companion SWAIN, if we had you alone we would explain it, but cannot do so in print; it is Esoteric. Yet we will say that wherever the experiment has been tried it has proved eminently successful, and Companion SCARBOROUGH knows it.

Companion SWAIN says, concerning dependent membership, that the idea of a body which can scarcely sustain itself, trying to prop the foundation of a strong, enduring structure is almost laughable. How would he enjoy himself in a Council with those members he could not sit in Lodge or Chapter!

Speaking of WARVELLE'S history of the Rite in Illinois, he doubts its publication, as neither GIL BARNARD nor WARVELLE has sent him a copy. There are others. He says, "We present our tale—a poor thing but

my own." On the whole, we consider Companion SWAIN'S tale, though short, a pretty good one.

W. H. HOWESON, Chippewa Falls, Grand Master, W. W. PERRY, Milwaukee, Grand Recorder.

Twenty-seven Councils, 1,799 members.

CONCLUSION.

Companions, we have endeavored as best we could to perform the duty assigned us by the Grand Master. Though something out of our usual line, it has not been an uninteresting task. The Cryptic world—which is for the most part confined to the United States—appears to be waking up. Several jurisdictions propound methods to arouse the Companions to renewed action. The old straw of Prerequisition gets its annual thrashing with no yield of grain. Kansas proposes wheels, and Georgia hints at attacking the Blue Lodges and carrying off captives; Pennsylvania wishes to collect the fee in the Chapter, and others have still more curious ways of accomplishing the object.

Yet we can find no plan so perfect—theoretically and practically—as the one we use in California, and ably expressed by our predecessor, Companion BISHOP, in one word—Work.

That is the secret. Half a dozen workers in a Council or Grand Council will do more to extend the Order, and exemplify its principles, than weeks of discussion as to methods.

If every one of the 6,000 Council members would do a *little* work we would soon occupy the position we so much deserve.

JAMES B. MERRITT.

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NOTICE.

The Forty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the seventeenth day of April, A. D. 1905, Anno Dep. 2905, at 10 o'clock A. M.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,

Grand Recorder.